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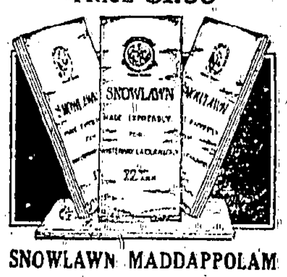

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MOBS AGAIN.

Yangtse Port Customs Buildings Looted.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS' SAFETY.

British Destroyer Intercepts Commandeered Steamer.

Once more mobs have created a serious situation on the Yangtse, the Customs Houses and Customs Club at Wuhu being looted yesterday afternoon.

Foreign women and children were collected in steamers and the men, at the time of the message, were standing by to withdraw if necessary.

Chinese soldiers rushed a British steamer at Wusung, but the commandeered vessel was later intercepted by a British destroyer and the troops were put ashore.

STEAMER SEIZED.

Chinese Soldiers Rush British Vessel.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities:—

A party of Chinese soldiers rushed a British steamer on Monday at Wusung and commandeered it.

The vessel, however, was intercepted by a destroyer below Hankow, and an armed guard put on board, the ship being brought up to Hankow and the troops landed in the Concession under naval escort.

The Nationalist Split.

Large troop movements down-river from Hankow took place yesterday, and a large unarmed troop parade took place along the Bund.

General Tan Yen-kai, of the Nationalist Political Council, arrived in Wuchang on Monday and crossed to Hankow yesterday, having delegated command of his troops in order to deal with matters arising out of the split between the Nationalist military and Labour sections.

Customs Houses Looted.

With the defection of Anhui troops, the Southerners are making rapid advance down-river in the neighbourhood of Wuhu.

Mr. Eugene Chen has been approached regarding the release of the s.s. "Kutwo."

A serious situation developed at Wuhu yesterday afternoon when mob rioting took place and the Customs houses and Customs Club were looted.

Safety of Foreigners.

Foreign women and children in the neighbourhood were collected in steamers and the men, at the time of the message, were standing-by to withdraw if necessary.

The military (Chinese) authorities took only "lukewarm" action.

Steamer Stopped.

General Chang Tsung-chang (Tupan of Shantung Province and an ally of the Northerners) has established himself in the gunboat "Chu Chuang" which, with others, is above Wade Island, Nanking, and bears no lights at night.

[It was in this neighbourhood that the ship bearing Mrs. Borodin was stopped and her flag removed.]

A British up-bound ship was stopped there on Sunday night and kept during the dark hours, but another British steamer was allowed to pass the following night.

Fewer Shantung troops crossed over to Nanking from Pukow yesterday.

"White" Russian Troops.

"White" Russian troops in this neighbourhood are now estimated at 7,000, of which 1,500 (under General Mechaes) are on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway and the remainder in the vicinity of Changcho. Two armoured trains have been transferred from Pukow to Nanking.

The situation is unchanged at Ichang except that the stevedores are again on strike, presumably on account of the clash between Bluejackets and some of their number.

Further troops have arrived at Chinkiang from Pukow.

DOUBLE COURSE.

Protection While Awaiting Negotiations.

London, March 8.

In the House of Commons, Sir Worthington Evans said that the Government had been advised that their precautions were adequate but not excessive. There was nothing provocative about the sending of troops to China.

There was no attack on them and he hoped there would be no attack. They would be a sufficient force at Shanghai not to invite attack, and if there was no attack they certainly would not be used.

The Government was satisfied with the double course they had taken, namely willingness to negotiate and protection of British nationals.

They were willing to negotiate on terms that had been made public whenever there was a Chinese Government willing and able to continue those negotiations. Meanwhile the British Government intended to give protection to their nationals at Shanghai.

The Estimates were carried by 303 votes to 124.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

Britain "Always Ready to Negotiate."

London, March 8.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that apart from the declarations of Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley on Feb. 19 with regard to the policy of the Nationalist Government towards Concessions in China there had been no negotiations with the Cantonese authorities with regard to Shanghai.

We were always ready to negotiate but he did not think that we could possibly shift the responsibility of protecting the lives of our subjects to anyone else's shoulders.

The British Consul-General at Shanghai had been empowered, if he thought fit, and it became necessary, to carry on negotiations with either of the contending forces.—Reuter.

QUICK WORK.

The Despatch of the Shanghai Force.

London, March 8.

In the House of Commons, introducing an estimate of £950,000 for the despatch of troops to China, covering expenditure to March 31, Capt. Douglas King, Financial Secretary to the War Office, pointed out that out of 1,518 reservists called up to bring the units of the Shanghai Defence Force up to strength, only four had failed to respond. (Cheers).

Capt. King expressed the opinion that it was most creditable to the military, civilian and Board of Trade staffs concerned that the force had been sent 10,900 miles and landed within two months of the day the first order was given.

The whole movement was carried out with very little fuss and no ostentation. We might be proud of the way the War Department carried out its duty. (Cheers).—Reuter.

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MORE WORK.

Over 26,000 Fewer Out of Jobs At Home.

Rugby, March 8.

The latest weekly return of unemployed shows a further decrease of 26,500 compared with the previous week.

This is only 62,360 more than a year ago, so that the great increase in unemployment caused by the industrial troubles of last year has nearly been wiped out.—Reuter's Wireless Service.

TROOP NEWS.

Suffolks to Remain at Shanghai.

THE DEVONS TO STAY HERE.

Other than the arrival of the s.s. "Megantic" (empty) from Shanghai this morning and confirmation of the report that the Suffolks will remain in Shanghai and not be transferred here, there remains little to be recorded regarding the disposition of the Shanghai Defence Force.

It is presumably to dispense with further transport that the Devonshires are remaining here and the Suffolks in Shanghai, for the original intention was that the 14th Brigade alone should be stationed in Shanghai and of this the Devons are a part.

It seems probable now that the Devons will ultimately take the place of the Suffolks as part of the Garrison in Hong Kong. At present they are in camp at Lowu and upon their return they will probably go into barracks.

The Cameronians are disembarking shortly from the "Herminius" for Kwanti.

The 13th and 20th Pack Batteries, R.A., which are on the "Bellerophon" are expected on Saturday and the Headquarters of the 1st Field Brigade, R.A., and two Field Batteries, which are on the "Calchas," are due to arrive on Wednesday next. These batteries will be accommodated, it is expected, on the Marina.

With regard to naval forces, in addition to the "Dauntless" and the "Argus," the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla is also due this week-end (comprising the flotilla leader, H.M.S. "Bruce" and the destroyers, H.M.'s "Sepoy," "Seraph," "Seraphis," "Sirdar," "Somme," "Sterling," "Stormcloud" and "Thracian."

The premises in Queen's building, formerly occupied by the French Bank, and which are now the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., opened to-day and a cheerful welcome was given to Servicemen.

The refreshment room has been well fitted out with coffee and tea bar, etc., there is a concert room where entertainment will be provided on most evenings by local residents, a gramophone and plenty of records and a stock of books, papers and magazines.

RUPEE RATIO FIXED.

Three Votes Make It Eighteen Pence.

New Delhi, March 8.

The question of the rupee ratio has been settled by the Legislative Assembly, 68 members against 65 voting for the 18d. rupee.—Reuter.

[Yesterday's cables stated: The battle which began in the Legislative Assembly to-day over the rupee ratio question promises to be a very hard-fought contest. Nobody is able to guess the result as the forces appear to be absolutely evenly divided, one side favouring 16d. and the other 18d.]

HEAVY TOLL.

Japanese Earthquake Casualty Figures.

Tokyo, March 9.

The latest Home Office report gives the total casualties as a result of the earthquake as 4,774, of whom 1,699 were killed in the Kyoto Prefecture.—Reuter.

LATEST CABLE.

Foreign Women Leaving Wuhu.

Shanghai, March 9.

A serious situation developed at Wuhu yesterday when a Chinese mob broke into the native Customs house and Customs Club.

Foreign women and children are evacuating and leaving for Shanghai. The men are standing by ready to withdraw if necessary.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 1/11 13/16.

FLIGHT TO INDIA.

Coming Effort to Break Record.

BRITISH AIRMEN'S PLANS.

Rugby, March 8.

Two officers of the Royal Air Force, Lieutenants Carr and Gillman, will next May make an attempt to create a long distance non-stop flying record.

They will leave Cranwell, Lincolnshire, in a 700 horse power aeroplane, fitted to carry over one thousand gallons of petrol, and capable, it is stated, of remaining in the air, for forty-eight hours, and of travelling at a minimum speed of one hundred miles an hour.

Officially they will be bound for an unknown destination as far eastward as possible. Unofficially they will be making for India, and attempting the quickest journey to India.

Air experts think Carr and Gillman may reach Karachi, 4,000 miles away, or perhaps Delhi, and that if they have the very best of luck, they may get to Calcutta, a distance of about 5,000 miles.

It is hoped in any event that they will be able to fly to India in forty-eight hours.

The present non-stop record is 3,345 miles set up last October by two French airmen who flew from Paris to Jask, Persia, in 32 hours.—British Wireless Service.

NOTABLE CAREER.

BANKER AND SCHOLAR DEAD.

GREAT CLIMBING FEATS.

Rugby, March 8.

Mr. Walter Leaf, Chairman of the Westminster Bank, died to-day at the age of seventy-five.

Not only did he hold a prominent position in London banking, but he was a brilliant scholar.

He held the degree of Doctor of Literature of Cambridge, and was noted for his translations of Homer.

In addition, he was Vice-President of the Alpine Club, and had performed some wonderful climbing feats.—British Wireless Service.

Born at Norwood in 1852, Walter Leaf was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. After a brilliant scholastic career, he entered the firm of Leaf, Sons & Co. in 1870, becoming chairman in 1882 and holding that office until 1892. He was one of the founders and first members and vice-president of the London Chamber of Commerce. He was made deputy chairman in 1885 and chairman in 1887.

Mr. Walter Leaf became deputy chairman of the committee of the London Clearing Banks in 1917, Chairman in 1918, President of the Institute of Bankers in 1919, member of the Council and Chairman of the British National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce and President of the Chamber in 1925. Besides being Vice-President of the Alpine Club, Mr. Leaf was President of the Hellenic Society (1914-1919) and President of the Classical Association (1921).

EUROPEAN'S DEATH.

AN ATTACK OF HEART FAILURE.

The death took place suddenly from heart failure yesterday afternoon of Mr. William Hornies.

Mr. Hornies, who was 65 years of age and unemployed, was found dead on a chair at his residence on the top floor of No. 513, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The police have removed the body to the Kowloon mortuary.

WEATHER FORECAST.

With the lifting of the fog, the humidity to-day dropped from 94 to 63 and there was a drop in the temperature from 69 to 63.

"N. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle, mist" is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

We regret to state that Miss Eileen Woods is laid up through influenza. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

SMALLER NAVIES.

Washington's Definite Proposals.

3-POWER PACT HOPES.

Washington, March 8.

The United States has definitely proposed to Great Britain and Japan that a 3-Power naval limitation conference meet at Geneva not earlier than June 1.—Reuter's American Service.

Periodic Review.

Washington March 8.

In the event of the Governments of London and Tokyo accepting the proposal, France and Italy will probably be asked to send representatives to the Conference as observers.

It is understood that the invitation contains no definite formula for fixing the maximum tonnage limitations for cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

The purpose of the proposed conference at Geneva will be to explore the possibilities of arriving at an understanding of tonnage limitations acceptable, particularly to Britain, in view of the non-participation of France and Italy in the agreement.

It is explained that the United States recognises that such limitations of construction as it hopes will be reached must be subject to periodic review in connection with the building programmes of the governments not participating in the agreement, but it is believed satisfactory arrangements can, if necessary, be worked out at Geneva for the annual reconsideration of the maximum tonnage limitations of any class of auxiliary ship.—Reuter's American Service.

ON THE WANE.

British Influenza Epidemic Decreasing.

Rugby, March 8.

The influenza epidemic is officially stated to be on the wane.

In 105 large cities during the last week there were 898 deaths compared with 1,023 the previous week.

There were 69 deaths in London compared with 81.—British Wireless Service.

Hopes of Success.

Later.

It is learned at the White House that President Coolidge regards the tentative advices hitherto received as promising the success of his 3-Power scheme.—Reuter's American Service.

Holland and Disarmament.

The Hague, March 8.

The Second Chamber by 58 to 32 votes has rejected the disarmament Bill introduced on the initiative of five Socialist deputies.—Reuter.

America's New Cruisers.

Washington, March 8.

The Naval Department announces that tenders may be submitted for the construction of the three cruisers inserted in the Navy Bill by Congress in opposition to President Coolidge's wishes. Tenders are also invited for the construction of the last three of eight cruisers sanctioned by Congress two years ago.

Owing to the failure of the Senate to vote the necessary supplies the Secretary of the Navy has decided not to proceed with the work of modernising the battleships "Oklahoma" and "Nevada."—Reuter's American Service.

OPIUM PACT.

BRITAIN CHIDES DILATORY POWERS.

Geneva, March 8.

Addressing the League Council, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, observed that only a few States had ratified the Opium Convention of 1925. He hoped the Powers who had not yet ratified the Convention would soon do so. M. Benes, Premier of Czecho-Slovakia, thereupon announced that Czecho-Slovakia had just ratified the Convention.—Reuter.

GENERAL'S SUICIDE.

BROTHER OF ANTI-BOLSHEVIK LEADER.

Rome, March 8.

General Nicolas Wrangel, brother of the famous anti-Bolshevik leader, committed suicide at the residence of Prince Wolkonsky, where he was a guest.—Reuter.

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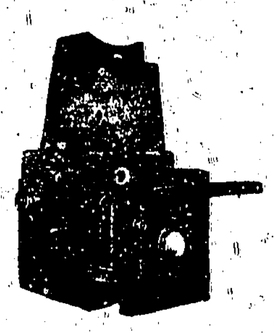

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SIR D. FRASER'S VIEWS.

In an article in the current number of the "Bankers' Magazine, Sir Drummond Drummond Fraser, in writing of Debt Conversion, says:—"No financial problem in this country compares in importance with that of converting our huge war debt, borrowed at high rates, into peace debt at low rates of interest, which will give the taxpayer much needed relief and the community a fairer distribution of national income."

He urges the Government to realise the vital part which the small investor can play in the problem. He states that the deposits of the great banks amount to about £2,000,000,000 of which only a small proportion is made up of real savings. Savings are made every day. By tapping these savings through the offer of a suitable security the Government in the latter part of the war at last realised that it could obtain a regular supply of real money without inflating credit by borrowing from the banks. To make a success of its conversion operations the Government must now return to this system of continuous borrowing.

Sir Drummond then calls attention to facts which prove the power of the small investor. He gives examples from stockholders in the railways, in industrial concerns, in assurance policies, building and approved provident and friendly societies, and he estimates that the savings of the small capitalists exceed £4,000,000,000.

He speaks of investment trusts. And he again advocates the issue of Post Office Bonds to create a continuous flow of money from the small investor for the conversion of debt. He explains his theory of continuous borrowing and of creating a habit among savers of continuous buying of Government Bonds, and concludes by urging the Government not to neglect the small investor in its conversion operations, and never to forget that savings are not made once a year, but every day. The article also contains tables of figures and charts.

LIBERTY BONDS.

Washington, March 8.

In anticipation of the call of the Second Liberty Bonds Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, has announced the issue on the 15th of three and a half per cent. five year treasury notes in exchange for second Liberty Loan converted four and a quarter per cent. bonds. The latter will be called in for redemption on and after November 15. The new notes will be called in for redemption on and after March 15, 1930. The number issuable is limited to the amount of the second Liberty Loan bonds tendered and accepted.—Reuter's American Service.

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CANADIAN TRADE.

PROMISING PROSPECTS OF PRESENT YEAR.

SOME EXPERT VIEWS.

Further authoritative reviews published in Ottawa in respect of last year's commercial and financial progress in Canada and the outlook for the new year continue in a tone of sound optimism.

The "Montreal Gazette," one of Canada's oldest and most reliable newspapers, in a lengthy review, to which leading financiers and economists have contributed, summarises the conditions in a preface by Mr. R. S. White, ex-editor and conservative commoner, as follows: "The promise of business betterment with which 1926 opened has been completely fulfilled. In almost every department of trade and industry expansion occurred, and in branches exceptional to this rule there has been no retrogression. Reasonable caution has been exercised by manufacturers and merchants; there has been no boom nor any likeness to it, but a steady and gradual expansion of operations throughout the year, with yet stronger confidence in trade and financial circles than when it began. There has been a carry-over of confidence into 1927, justified by the results of the year just ended." Mr. White notes the comparative immunity from labour disturbance, and the good wages in spite of a decline in the cost of living, and emphasises the mineral development, foreign trade expansion, steady enlargement of the pulp and paper industry, increased building operations, larger railway earnings, and general industrial expansion, concluding: "The year, beginning well, ended well, and in a retrospect may be found promise of prosperity in the new year."

Building Construction.

The estimated value of building construction actually started in Canada during 1926 reached the large total of 372,948,000 dollars, which is 25.1 per cent. over the previous year's total. Quebec led the provinces in value of construction with 151,934,000 dollars or 40.7 per cent. of the Dominion total. Ontario came next with 141,929,000 dollars or 38 per cent. of the Dominion total. Business buildings formed 30.1 per cent. of the total residential buildings 29.4 per cent., industrial 21.4 per cent., and engineering 19.1 per cent. Approximately 100,000,000 dollars' worth of building contracts of all kinds are carried over to this year.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce's monthly letter says: "The development of mineral, oil, pulp and water power resources at present under way is the most extensive and soundest ever undertaken in Canada, not only providing employment for a great number of men during the construction stage, but continuing to afford work on a large scale. Furthermore, the development has not the characteristics of a boom, but is based upon the fact that the rest of the world requires, and will continue to require, an increasing volume of products from Canada's mines and forests."

Iron and Steel.

The iron and steel industry, which is regarded as a reliable economic barometer, showed a substantial gain last year, with the estimated production of pig-iron up 29 per cent. to 725,000 tons. On the Standard Stock Exchange of Toronto, in the past few weeks, daily sales have exceeded 1,000,000 shares. The full effect of the huge development of the new Rouyn area in Quebec and the new Northern Ontario copper and gold discoveries, will not be felt until next year, when it is regarded as certain that the Canadian gold production will exceed that of the United States. As regards base metals, extremely rich zinc and lead discoveries have been made recently near Sudbury, Ontario, which will add to the present peak productions of these metals.

United States interests have already entered upon a 15,000,000 dollar development programme of the Flinflon copper deposits in Manitoba, while further development of British Columbia zinc and silver-lead deposits is in prospect.

Canadian bond sales for the calendar year 1926 totalled 567,341,000 dollars, against 496,443,000 dollars in the preceding year. Government bonds totalled 185,000,000 dollars, municipal bonds 69,000,000 dollars, corporation bonds 278,000,000 dollars, and railway bonds 34,500,000 dollars. The value of bonds sold in Canada was 270,000,000 dollars, in the United States 287,000,000 dollars, and in the United Kingdom 10,180,000 dollars. Two Victory Bond issues mature this year; 29,000,000 dollars in November and 63,000,000 dollars in December, both tax free. These will probably be replaced by a 4½ per cent. taxable issue, effecting an annual saving of nearly 1,000,000 dollars, plus income tax collections.

ASIA REALTY CO.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 3 YEARS.

The Asia Realty Co. (Fed. Inc., U.S.A.), of No. 15, Nanking Road, Shanghai, has issued a comparative condensed statement of accounts certified by Messrs. Thomson & Co., chartered accountants.

In 1922, the paid-up capital was $819,971.45; total resources $877,308.82.

By 1924, these figures had increased to $840,942.05 and $2,402,288.30 respectively.

At the end of 1926 total resources had reached $2,900,179.66; capital $848,240.69; and reserves $340,696.47.

INDIAN YARN.

Decidedly Firmer Tone Reported.

Since our last report on January 10, our yarn market, during the first part of the interval, had remained very quiet, but latterly owing to telegraphic advices from Bombay of a substantial advance in the rates of all counts due to local and up-country demand, coupled with the critical political situation and civil unrest at Shanghai, which has greatly affected Shanghai Mills, the foreign holders are holding out their stocks for higher prices and a decidedly firmer tone has prevailed in our market.

There being inquiry for Yunnan market, business has been done in about 600 bales in a few choice chops at an advance of $4/5 per bale.

Unsold Stocks 14,000 bales.

Bargains in Chinese hands 11,000 bales.

No. 10.

Assur Veerjee	$155.-
Berla	$147.-
Bradbury	$157.-
Connaught	$148.-
David	$153.-
Dawn	$152.-
Mayer Sassoon	$146.-
Phoenix (Cow Ticket R.	$165.-
Phoenix (Vase Ticket) M.	$152.-
Presidency	$145.-
Sun Mill	$150.-

No. 12.

China	$163.-
Connaught	$159.-
Dawn	$160.-
Fazalbhoy	$165.-
Finlay	$165.-
Moon	$164.-
Pubaney, various chops	$165.-

Shanghai:—Under the most abnormal and unsettled conditions in Shanghai, entire business is greatly demoralised, and the tendency of the market wholly depends upon the turn of events.

Japanese Yarn:—Only a small business has been done during the interval, as prices in Japan are about $5 higher than the ruling rates of our market.

The following are the ruling quotations for Spot Yarn:—

Nagasaki No. 20	$198.-
Nagasaki No. 10	$155.-
3 Horses No. 16	$180.-
3 Horses No. 20	$195.-
Yellow Joss No. 20	$199.-
Setsu No. 10	$155.-
Setsu No. 20	$204.-
Blue Fish No. 12	$163.-
Blue Fish No. 20	$208.-

Raw Cotton: No Stock.

Quotations:—Bengal $45 to 48 per picul.

Chinese $47 to 50 per picul.

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HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			March 3, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾筋	lb.	28	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	28	23	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	32	23	12
" Roast	燒肉牛	"	28	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	24	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	24	20	18
" Steak	牛排	"	28	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳	"	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	60	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.20	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
" Hump, Salt	牛腩	"	34	20	18
" Feet	牛脚	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	25	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭脚	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊扒青	lb.	50	26	—
" Leg	羊脾	"	50	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	48	24	—
" Saddle	肉	"	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪腸	"	32	—	27
" Brains	猪腦	Per set	5	—	12
" Feet	猪脚	lb.	18	15	—
" Fry	猪什	"	32	15	18
" Head	猪頭	"	18	20	—
" Heart	猪心	each	15	10	10
" Kidneys	猪腰	"	15	10	8
" Liver	猪肝	lb.	60	30	24
Pork Chop	猪扒青	"	38	25	23
" Leg	猪脾	"	38	—	—
" Loin	猪後腰	"	42	60	70
" Fat or Lard	猪油	"	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭脚	per set	85	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	14	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	56	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	lb.	20	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	"	30	20	18
" Mutton	鮮羊油	"	50	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
" " No. 1		"	32	—	—

Poultry.

			March 3, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	45	30	31
Capons, Small	細雞	"	40	28	30
Capons, Large	肥大雞	"	45	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	40	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	70	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	"	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	80	—
" Hoihow	海口鴿	"	45	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火鷄公	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火鷄母	"	70	51	45
Snipe	沙鳥	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	$2.40	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	40	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	$1.10	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯉魚	lb.	24	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	20	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	塘魚(省城淡水)海鮮	"	22	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	26	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	"	32	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	"	20	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	65	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	16	16	2
Dab		"	70	23	16
Dace	黃鱔	"	16	10	9
Dog Fish	鯊肚	"	13	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	"	30	16	—
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	24	10	18
" Yellow	黃鰻	"	55	26	30
Frogs	田雞	"	75	32	25
Garoupa	石班	"	80	40	30
Gudgeon	白	"	16	18	15
Herrings	鯡魚	"	32	22	18
Halibut	龍脷	"	24	18	23
Labrus	黃鳥	"	32	22	18
Loach	鰍	"	65	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	55	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	"	36	20	26
Monk Fish	老鼠魚	"	55	32	23
Mullet	鯔魚	"	32	13	2
Oysters	蠔	"	30	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚公魚	"	20	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	"	28	20	15
Pike	花莊魚	"	12	16	9
Plaice	鯉魚	"	50	28	14
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	"	45	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	"	55	36	30
Prawns	蝦	"	30	36	45
Ray	魟魚	"	10	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑公	"	16	13	18
Roach	鯇魚	"	32	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	"	70	36	30
Shark	沙魚	"	12	8	10
Skate	魟魚	"	16	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	55	26	35
Snapper	立魚	"	55	32	30
Soles	龍利魚	"	32	23	23
Tench	丸魚	"	32	22	18
Turbot	左口魚	"	20	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜魚	"	$1.20	40	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	番山香蕉	"	7	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	11	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	15	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	10	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	42	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	12	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	18	—	15
Pears (Canton)	梨	"	12	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	—	8	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	12	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	15	—	15
Grapes	葡萄子	"	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鴨芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	14	8	—
Beet Root	紅頭	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	25	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	7	5	9
" Red	紅瓜	"	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	6	5	12
" (Shanghai)	椰菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筍	"	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	16	—	—
" (Medium)	中椰菜花	"	12	—	—
" (Small)	細椰菜花	lb.	10	6	6
Carrots	金筍	"	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	5	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	"	20	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	"	25	10	16
" Green	青花椒	"	—	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	25	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	"	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	7	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	7	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		"	25	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	"	5	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	10	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菌	"	—	—	8
Okroes		"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	"	8	8	8
" Green	生葱	"	5	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥頭	"	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	20	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	3	—
" Japanese	日本番仔	"	5	3	—
" American	金山番仔	"	6	3	—
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	4	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃	"	14	—	10
Shallots	干葱	"	8	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	"	7	4	—
Tomatoes	蕃茄	"	8	7	—
Taros	芋頭	"	4	6	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	"	4	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	番瓜	"	—	4	—
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA
HONG KONG BRANCH.

AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Guild Office 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong on THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1927, at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of Friday, 11th March as scheduled.

BUSINESS:
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W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.

HONG KONG ENGINEEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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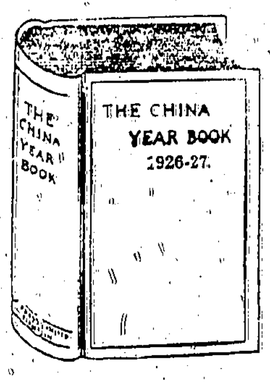

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SOME NOTABLE FACTS.

In view of the fact that Western Australia is fast overtaking the sister wheat-producing States in the matter of production, a further set of official comparative figures, dealing with the yields per thousand of the population in Western Australia and South Australia, are interesting.

In 1920-21 South Australia produced 69,749 bushels per thousand of her population, whilst Western Australia only produced 37,024 bushels.

For the 1924-25 harvest the South Australian yield had receded to 56,691 bushels per thousand of the population, whilst the yield in Western Australia had jumped to 65,602 bushels per thousand.

These two photographs of the sculptured head of Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial in the national capital, shows how new lighting to be installed will improve the appearance of the head, preserving the character and dignity of the sculpture. The head at the left shows the effect of proper lighting, the beams coming from above. In striking contrast is the head at the right, with light shooting upward, destroying the features and giving a staring, vacant expression to the face.

The comparative yields in respect to oats are much more strikingly in favour of this State, whilst the figures dealing with hay production show a corresponding advance in favour of Western Australia.

Record Apple Crop.

A record apple crop of between 780,000 and 790,000 bushels is estimated for the current season. If realised this will mean an increase of 50 per cent. on last year's crop, and an increase of 30 per cent. on the average crop.

The previous highest yield was obtained in the 1923 season, when 758,998 bushels were harvested, 358,850 bushels of which were exported.

This year it is expected that the export total will be between that figure and 400,000 bushels.

Last year the apple crop was lighter than usual, and, owing to the strike in England, prices were not all that could be desired.

Even so, the Officer in Charge of the Fruit Industry (Mr. Geo. W. Wickens) reported that Western Australian apples were in greater demand, and realised higher prices than those sent from any of the Eastern States.

This year, despite the anticipated record crop, it is expected that growers will secure much higher returns. A new feature of the trade in this State is the inquiry for apples from the Eastern States.

Group Settlement.

The following group settlement statistics, showing the position of the groups at December 31, have been supplied:—Groups established 136; groups on individual piecework 72; groups on group piecework 58; groups on partially individual and group piecework 5; groups on sustenance 1; number of settlers 2,290; number of group holdings 2,347; area of land being developed under group settlement conditions 355,437 acres; total population 9,548; cottages erected 1,977; area sown 48,458 acres; cottage hospitals erected 6; schools erected 68 (serving 122 groups); bulls 197; cows and heifers 9,728; pigs 3,298; horses 2,060. Total expenditure to December 31, 1926, £3,928,215 13s. 3d.

University Extensions.

The University of Western Australia is inviting architects of the British Empire and the United States to submit designs for a group of buildings to cost about £150,000 to be built with funds bequeathed to the University by the late Sir Winthrop Hackett, first Chancellor of the University.

Under the will the University received a bequest of £420,000, part of which is to be used for buildings, and part for bursaries and research studentships for students who otherwise would find it difficult to take up University work.

The buildings will include a ceremonial hall and students' union building. Premiums offered for the designs are:—First, £300; second, £200; third, £100. The competition closes on August 24.

At the Capital.

For the fourth year in succession the value of buildings erected in the city area controlled by the Perth City Council last year topped the £600,000 mark.

Last year's figure was slightly lower than for the previous year, being £611,374, as against £642,340 for 1925.

There is every evidence of a continuance of building activities. The capital value of city property is now set down at £21,072,130, with an annual rateable value of £1,152,574.

There was a gratifying diminution in the number of cases of infectious diseases reported by the city's chief health inspector for the 1926 municipal year.

The total for 1925 showed only a slight decrease on the total for 1924, but last year the reduction in the number of cases reported totalled 123.

Preliminary figures dealing with the population of the State of Western Australia show a net increase of 7,210 people for the year ended December 31 last.

These are made up of 4,954 births in excess of deaths, and 2,256 arrivals in excess of departures. The total population was 377,393.

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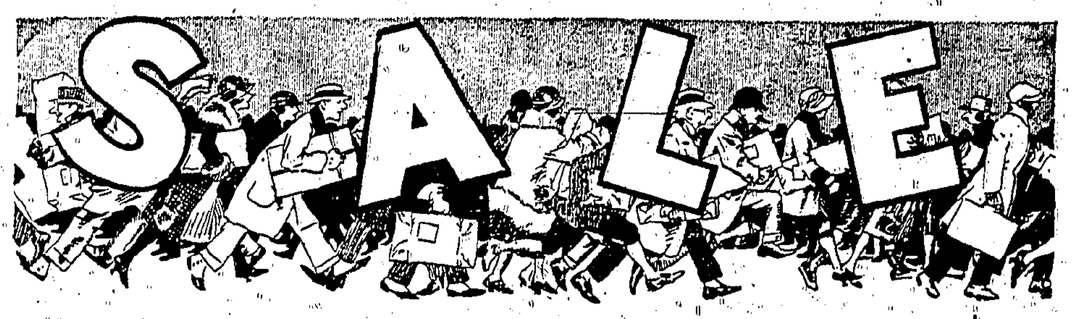

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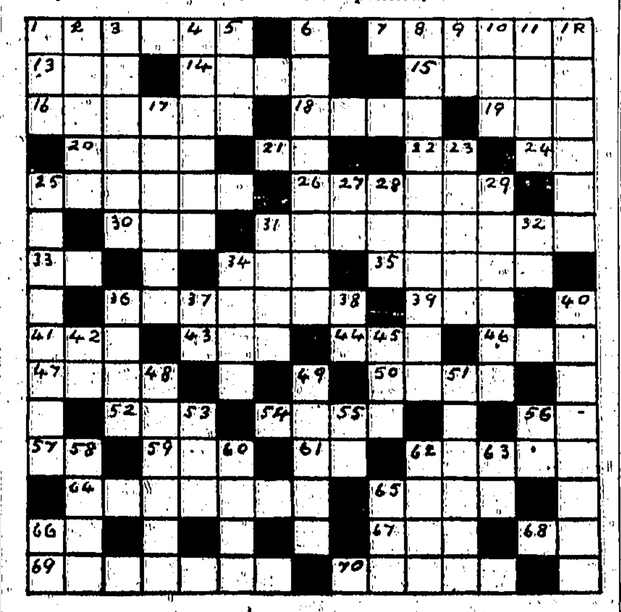

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[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. A disease which consumes.
7. To rush about.
13. Part of the verb 'to be'.
14. RUHR (actual)
15. A Christmas carol.
16. The celebrated philosopher's name.
18. Give attention.
19. ONO (actual).
20. Tidy or clean.
21. Father.
22. Printer's measure.
24. T P (actual).
25. A genus of Lambiate plants (the sage).
26. A case with wood straps around.
30. Dry wines.
31. Talked idly.
33. A Memphite god.
34. A digit of the foot.
35. Office-bearer in church.
36. Beloves.
39. A girl's name.
41. Expresses negation.
43. A friend or chum.
44. To possess.
46. A song in two parts.
47. Entangled piece of string.
50. From which young birds are produced.
52. To seize.
54. At what time?
56. Marking an alternative.
57. Same as 22 across.
59. Obtained.
61. The indefinite article.
62. Having zones.
64. Bastes or greases.
65. TEPS (actual).
66. Bone.
67. A British order (abbrev:)
68. Denotes situation in place.
69. To stretch out.
70. To break.

Clues Down.

1. A tin container.
2. A place of contest.
3. Upright columns (archit:)
4. Amatory.
5. To hurry.
6. A teller of a thing.
8. A condition of uncertainty.
9. In this manner.
10. One plus one equals.
11. An annual fast of forty days.
12. Ran away with.
17. An inn.
23. Of necessity.
25. To scatter on sparingly.
27. Same as 33 across.
28. Consumed.
29. Fears.
31. Fuel.
32. ER (actual).
34. A drop of secretion from lachrymal gland.
36. Well-known English college.
37. DP (actual).
38. Same as 9 down.
40. A fence round a house undergoing repairs.
42. Not off.
45. A cyst.
48. A rope and pulleys tackle.
49. A groove.
51. Searches in the dark.
53. A serpent.
55. A printer's measure.
56. OE (actual).
58. A bird's home.
60. Ancient system of weight in Scotland.
62. An Indian ox.
63. N S (actual).
65. A hill.
66. Bone.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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FOG DELAYS.

HOW LOCAL SHIPS WERE HELD UP.

MYSTERIOUS WANDERINGS.

Shipping was badly disorganised yesterday both in the harbour, the West River delta and the approaches to Hong Kong.

Fog was the cause of the trouble and there are many delays to report. Only by the most skilful navigation did some of the vessels get in to time.

Praise was showered on the captain and officers of the Steamboat Co.'s "Taishan," which did the trip from Canton to Hong Kong in just six hours, which is normal time.

"Taishan's Smart Work."

Leaving Canton at 3 p.m., she came by the north reach and steamed steadily down river, encountering thick fog all the way. Bocca Tigris—which has to be passed before nightfall—was negotiated cleverly, the boat being taken on such a course as to get into the minimum of fog. On entering Kapsujmun, however, the "Taishan" had to proceed with extreme caution to her wharf but she was hardly a minute late.

Not so much good fortune did other river boats meet. The "Fatshan" left Hong Kong late, and towards sunset was anchored off Bocca Tigris. She may have reached Canton in darkness.

The "Paul Beau" and "Kwong Sai" left Hong Kong in the small hours of yesterday morning and reached Canton late.

Boats on the Kongmoon and Wuchow runs were also delayed but the "Tai Lee" put out from Hong Kong as usual last night for Kongmoon.

Ferries' Anxious Time.

The "Chuen Chow" crossed over from Macao yesterday morning but did not venture the return trip. The "Sui Tai" also came over, anchored off Cheung Chau Island, and came to her wharf several hours behind time. The sailing of the "Sui An" was postponed.

Harbour ferries had an anxious time. Every few seconds, syrens foghorns were sounded. Every device known was used but some of the "Star" boats were over a quarter of an hour late. One steamed round H.M.S. "Hermes" three times in one trip while another drifted between Stonecutters Island, the Naval Yard frontage and then Holt's Wharf!

Fog is not uncommon at this time of the year but the pall yesterday must have been near a record.

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CYCLONE HAVOC.

HONG KONG SHIP'S CLOSE SHAVE.

WIRELESS OPERATOR KILLED.

Port Louis, March 8.

Wireless messages from Tamatave indicate that 13 natives were killed and six injured in the cyclone but the material damage is heaviest. All official buildings except the post office and treasury were destroyed. The wharf was washed down and lighterage destroyed.

The sea swept 500 feet up the streets. It is estimated that it will take three years to repair the damage. Seven were drowned from the steamer "Saint Anne," which with several others is aground.

Martial law has been proclaimed as a precautionary measure but all is quiet.

The British steamer "Seistan" from Hong Kong carrying rice arrived here after a terrible experience with only two tons of coal in her bunkers. The wireless operator, Mr. George Reynolds, was killed by coming into contact with a high tension wire, while preparing to send out a message on the 4th.

The "Saigon Maru" from Reunion also arrived after a terrible experience.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on Feb. 16, arrived at Vancouver on March 6.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R.) left here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon to-day.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Feb. 26, and is due here on March 18.

C.P.R. STAFF CHANGES.

Two of the staff of the Hong Kong office, Canadian Pacific S.S. Co., sailed to-day on the "Empress of Asia."

Mr. W. R. Buckberrough, acting general agent, passenger department, is going to Shanghai.

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DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'apore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
JANUS	4,824	20th March	Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	22nd March	Kobe
TEESTA	6,296	24th March	Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,863	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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This afternoon, the new s.s. "Tai Hing" was thrown open to inspection.

Built locally for the Kwong Wing S.S. Co., this boat presented a smart appearance alongside the Hoi On Wharf, Connaught Road West. She is bigger than any ship at present on the trade between Hong Kong, Wuchow and intermediate West River ports. Like the other ship belonging to the same owners, the "Tai Ming," the "Tai Hing" will fly the British flag.

Speed trials already held go to prove that the "Tai Hing" will also be the fastest on the run. In size she is as big as the medium type of boat on the Canton and Kongmoon runs.

"PAUL LECAT."

FRENCH LINER ASHORE NEAR SHANGHAI.

TUGS GO TO THE RESCUE.

Shanghai, March 8.

The s.s. "Paul Lecat," sailing from Shanghai yesterday morning for Japan, went ashore thirty miles from Woosung at two o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

Liner Ashore Near Shan.

Shanghai, March 8.

The "Paul Lecat," which was en route to Japan, went aground fourteen miles from Woosung. In response to S. O. S. signals two salvage-vessels immediately rushed to the scene followed later by a third. They attempted to tow her off but without success.

They are standing by. It is not known how the accident occurred not is any information available as to the extent of the damage.—Reuter.

Of the French Mail Line, the "Paul Lecat" is owned by the Messageries Maritimes. She is a twin-screw vessel of 12,989 tons and was built in 1911.

The local office of the Messageries Maritimes informed the "China Mail" this morning that no advice had been received from Shanghai.

On March 2, the liner cleared from Hong Kong, northward bound. There were 13 first-class passengers who embarked at Hong Kong including Mr. J. P. Bourne and Mr. P. I. Newman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., but all the thirteen were to have disembarked at Shanghai.

It will be noted that the cable says the ship was leaving Shanghai for Japan.

Very little cargo was taken on here but the ship has a quantity of through cargo on board, in addition to other passengers not from Hong Kong.

Salvage operations, it is assumed, will be left in the hands of the Shanghai office.

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London, Feb. 12.

When the Cunard S.S. Company's "Aquitania" was four hours out from New York, en route to Southampton, a young American bank clerk reported to the Captain that he had boarded the liner to bid his lady friends farewell, and when he became drowsy he entered an empty cabin and fell asleep.

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Straits and Calcutta	LAISANG	Thurs., 10th Mar., at Noon.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Sat., 12th Mar., at Noon.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Sun., 13th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Osaka v. Moji, Y'hama & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 16th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	HOSANG	Thurs., 17th Mar., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat., 19th Mar., at Noon.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	MINGSANG	Sun., 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSHING	Sun., 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Moji	FOOKSANG	Tues., 22nd Mar., at 7 a.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & S'hai	FAUSANG	Wed., 23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Kobe & Moji	KUTSANG	Sun., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Sun., 27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
T'tau via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 30th Mar., at 7 a.m.
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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1927.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 21st March, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of one week.

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Mar. 29	San Francisco	Homeric	Apr. 30	C'brg-S'hmptn	May 6
Apr. 6	Seattle	Leviathan	Apr. 30	C'brg-S'hmptn	May 7
Apr. 12	San Francisco	Aquitania	May 11	C'brg-S'hmptn	May 17
Apr. 20	Seattle	Geo. Washington	May 18	C'brg-S'hmptn	May 27
Apr. 26	San Francisco	Republic	May 28	P'mth-C'brg	June 6
May 4	Seattle	Aquitania	May 31	C'brg-S'hmptn	June 6
May 10	San Francisco	Homeric	June 11	C'brg-S'hmptn	June 17
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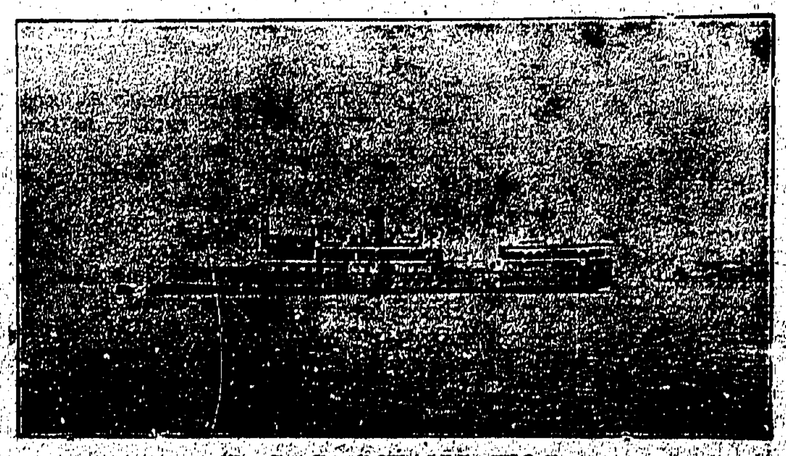

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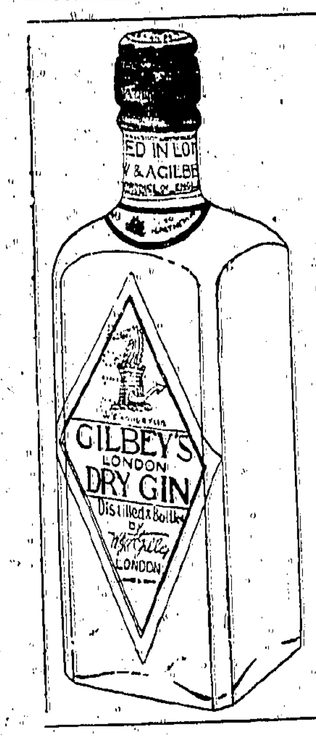

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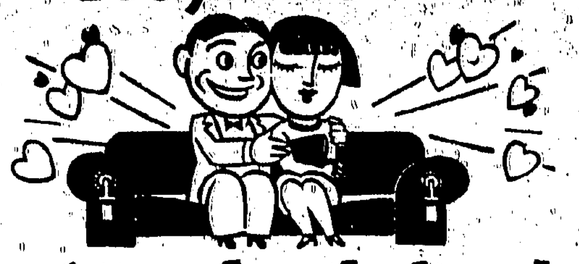

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DEATH.

COHEN.—On March 4, 1927, at Shanghai, the wife of William Cohen.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, March 9, 1927.

SOVIET EMBARRASSED!

What has been described by the Soviet Government as "an unheard of incident" reveals in almost a Gilbertian manner the tangle of Chinese politics, recalling the old vulgarism "You don't know where ye are." Certainly the Soviet Government does not know where it is. The Northerners seized a Russian steamer at Nanking, alleged to contain ammunition, and quite incidentally detained Mrs. Borodin and three Russian Jews who were passengers on their way to Hankow. According to the London Legation of the Soviet, Borodin is repudiated by Moscow, although we can please ourselves whether we regard that as one of the many myths of Bolshevist origin. But, far from repudiating Mrs. Borodin, the Soviet Government has worked itself into a perfect passion. The Soviet Embassy in Peking demands the immediate release of Mrs. Borodin and her fellow-passengers. The Soviet holds the "Chinese Government" responsible for the lives and safety of the citizens endangered by the incident—the "unheard of incident," to wit. Furthermore, the Soviet reveals, in its immense anxiety to press home its case and frighten the "Chinese Government," that the passengers on the steamer seized included diplomatic couriers. Did these by any chance include Mrs. Borodin? As Moscow has not exactly officially "recognised" the Southern Government, what were these same diplomatic couriers being sent to Hankow for by the Soviet Government? Truly the whole thing is a tangle.

The Soviet has been hitherto the foremost in declaring that there is no such thing in existence as a "Chinese Government." It has been working by means of "tricks that are vain and ways that are dark" to assist the Nationalists in their aspirations to become the sole recognised "Chinese Government." And yet, when a Russian steamer carrying ammunition and diplomatic couriers for Hankow is seized, the Soviet threatens to make the "Chinese Government" responsible.

Furthermore, apart from the particular mission of the diplomatic couriers, the Soviet Government must be well aware that it had no excuse for sending a steamer, whose bunkers contained ammunition, into the war zone in China. Why should Russia seek to convey munitions of war to one of the belligerents? Not only is it a breach of neutrality in civil war, but it is adequate confirmation of the fact that Moscow is behind the whole attempt to Sovietise China. However, having seen — or imagined — that the lives and property of its own citizens are in jeopardy, and having intimated that it will hold the "Chinese Government" responsible, perhaps the Soviet Government will now join hands with all the other foreign Governments — including Great Britain—in insisting on adequate protection being afforded to all foreigners, wheresoever situated throughout China. That would be consistent with its action in regard to the "unheard of incident" which has raised its wrath; but, of course, consistency of this nature would resolve itself it into another "unheard of incident." At any rate, when the safety of its own nationals is concerned Soviet Russia is finding itself considerably embarrassed in the face of its own sins. That embarrassment may be enhanced if it is ultimately disclosed who were the diplomatic couriers and what was the nature of their mission to Hankow.

Hong Kong to London—By Air.

The flights that have been made from time to time over long distances, England to Australia, America round the world, and so forth, have been for the most part important chiefly as demonstrating the possibilities of the future. They have not succeeded in substantially reducing the time in which such journeys could be made by other means. This has been due principally to the delays that have been unavoidable in the way of halts for refuelling, repairs, etc. Now, however, as to-day's wireless news reports, a flight is to be attempted which will carry the progress of aviation a big step forward. Two British airmen, next May, plan to fly from England to India in a 700 horse-power aeroplane, and the experts think they may reach Karachi, 4,000 miles away, or with the best of luck, Calcutta, 5,000 miles away, beating the present non-stop record of 3,345 miles held by the two French airmen who flew from Paris to Jask in Persia last October. Needless to say the British airmen's venture will be watched by all parts of the Empire, none more keenly than Hong Kong, for every such feat as this brings the day nearer when the Colony will yet be in direct aeroplane touch with the Homeland.

WHERE ARE THEY?

A READER AND KOWLOON TAXIS.

ALL UNDER REPAIR?

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Having occasion to go to Kowloon yesterday to see Home in safety a member of the sex which we in the Y.M., in common with other debating Societies, have discussed, dissected and done anything but discarded, I sought a taxi. This was at 7.20 p.m.

There was no taxi. The stand was empty and the man in charge of the taxi garage refused to produce one even when threatened with instant death and all sorts of other terrible things.

He said it simply couldn't be done. He seemed to prefer running the risk of instant death and the other terrible things at my hands than incur the wrath of the traffic inspectors who, I have since gathered from enquiries, had taken two of the six taxis out for trial and had given instructions in respect of the other four that they were not to be used before a coat of paint and minor repairs were put in hand.

Now this seems to me to be all wrong. One of the taxis taken out for trial (if my information is correct) had had a broken floor-board. Now, I admit I dont know much about cars. I was intimately connected with the Socialist party at the recent Mudford debate and we dont believe in cars and bloated capitalists and all that sort of thing. But still, I think I know enough to state that people who use motor cars usually sit on the seats and not on the floor boards.

Personally, I would have sat on anything (providing there had been room for two), if something on wheels had been available at the time of which I am speaking, for getting out to a rather remote part of the peninsula. Why a taxi should be undergoing tests for loose floor boards when all the others are in garage, simply beats me.

If this had happened before the "Mudford" Town Council, I'd have had something more than nocturnal meanderings to have asked that Police fellow about at the Council meeting. It's simply making a fellow extravagant and inviting a revolution in Mudford to force people who don't want cars to roll about in them and flaunt their riches in the faces of the poor.

Yours, etc.,
"Y.M.C.A. ite."

Kowloon, March 9.

Suffering from injuries received through falling from a moving tram car in Praya East a Chinese was yesterday removed to hospital. He was attempting to alight at the time.

Sailing to-day on the "Empress of Asia" is Mr. L. Dunbar, the flour broker, who is going to Vancouver. Mr. Dubar won the Hong Kong Derby this year and his ponies were second and third in the Champions at the Jockey Club annual meeting.

An inquest was held by Mr. Schofield and a jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese whose mutilated corpse was discovered in a peculiar condition on the slipway at Brennans, Lyeemun.

Evidence of finding the body was given by Sapper Charles Adams, R.E., who said he found it lying on the torpedo slipway at Brennans at 11 a.m. on February 17. He informed the police. The jury's verdict was: "Death from drowning following the infliction of wounds, which were caused by some person or persons unknown. A case of homicide."

LUCKY GIRLS.

Entertain at Sea on China Run.

GEISHAS AND THE SHINGLE.

Miss Anne Crommelin and Miss Doris Carritte are considered by their girl friends to be the two luckiest girls of the twentieth century.

Their work is connected with tropic seas, board ship dances, landing in fascinating Eastern ports, concerts, deck sports, and, when the weather is impossible, comfortable deck chairs.

It is their business to see that every passenger on the E. and A. liner "Tanda," which goes to China and Japan, leaves the ship with memories of a happy voyage, says the Sydney "Sun."

Miss Crommelin is a pianist and Miss Carritte a violinist, together they provide the ship's music, arrange the sports and dancing for the voyage. Whoever has occupied the position of secretary of a sports committee will understand what a welcome addition such a pair are to a ship's company; their presence every voyage, saves some "willing horse" from much harassing worry.

Miss Crommelin was a country girl and started her work first on the "Wyreema" and "Kanowna." Before she commenced on the "Wyreema" she had never sailed beyond the Sydney Heads. Her first trip was from Sydney to Melbourne and back. She was ill all the way there and back, and never played a note.

"I am still a bad sailor, and bad weather always worried me," she says. "I have discovered that once one gives in and lies down in one's bunk, all is over for the day. Retire, if you must, but do not lie down, return to the deck immediately.

"Last voyage we went to Otaru, in Northern Japan, for timber. They have snow there for six months of the year. We were invited, with two of the ship's officers, to dine by a Japanese gentleman at a tea house. On our arrival we had to obey the rules of etiquette, and, in spite of the bitter cold, had to take our shoes off at the door. For warmth each was provided with a box of hot charcoal buried in sand. We sat on the floor on cushions, and each person had their own little table six inches high; we ate with chopsticks. Among the courses were raw fish and a dish of minced chrysanthemum. The former dish was quite a compliment, but I just could not eat it. Later we were treated to a little saki, horrifying stuff that is exactly like turpentine. Even dishes we were used to had a dreadful Japanese taste, so, from an epicure's point of view, we did not enjoy our meal. But it was very interesting.

"Afterwards the geishas came out and danced for us, a weird monotonous tune. We were the first white girls they had ever seen and were immensely interested in us. We allowed them to take off our hats, and, when they saw our shingled heads, they went off into fits of laughter."

So that is how a shingled head appears to the untrained eye!

Japanese working men who come aboard the "Tanda" are always amazed at the white girls' short skirts and silk clad legs. They live in a land where no woman's leg is ever seen, so such an idea as Parisian fashions' decree is to them distinctly novel.

GIRL HURT.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE MISTRESS.

A Chinese servant girl aged 13 years was yesterday afternoon admitted to hospital suffering from serious injuries to the head and body, alleged to have been caused by her mistress, who, it is said, after giving the girl a severe beating, threw her down the stairs.

The sequel was heard in Mr. Lindsell's Court this morning when the mistress, a Chinese woman, was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to the girl.

In applying for a remand Insp. Peter Grant said the girl was at present in a bad way and would not be able to give any information about the affair for a few days.

A remand was given until March 16, bail being allowed in the sum of $500.

BUS HITS LAMP POST.

While proceeding down the Pokfulam Road incline, yesterday afternoon, an Aberdeen bus skidded and collided with a gas lamp standard. The lamp was knocked over and fell partly on a Chinese pedestrian. Luckily the man did not receive the full weight of the falling standard, and was only slightly injured. The car's fender was smashed.

The leather reported stolen yesterday by fokis of a leather goods shop in Portland Street, has been recovered by the police. A Chinese has been arrested and is being detained for investigation.

RECKLESS DRIVING.

CHINESE WHO INJURED A GIRL.

A SKID OF EIGHTY FEET.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon imposed a fine of $200 on a Chinese chauffeur for reckless driving, and ordered him to pay $100 compensation to a little Chinese girl who was knocked down and injured by the defendant's car.

Evidence for the prosecution showed that defendant was travelling at a very high speed at the time of the accident. When the car eventually pulled up it left a tyre mark on the road showing an 80 feet skid.

Only one of three passengers in the car was called by the defendant to give evidence. This witness said the car was going at a moderate speed. He was talking with his friends and did not know an accident had occurred until after the car had pulled up.

In convicting the Magistrate said the case was made more serious by the fact that defendant had been negligent with full knowledge of the fact that his brakes were defective.

ROOF THAT LEAKED.

JUDGMENT FOR TEXACOAT COMPANY.

NO GUARANTEE GIVEN.

On the ground that no guarantee had been given to make the roof watertight but only an undertaking "to make a thoroughly satisfactory job," Mr. J. H. B. Nihill in the Summary Court yesterday found for the Texas Company in their claim against Mr. A. J. Lane for the price of treating the roof of a house at Homuntin with Texacoat.

Mr. Nihill said that he had no difficulty in finding that the actual work was carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner. The plaintiffs had also contracted to apply another coat free of charge should the original work not achieve certain results and the defendant could ask for this if he wished.

The Acting Puisne Judge added that the waterproofing qualities of the plaintiff's preparation were not an issue in the case nor was the "bona-fides" of the defendant questioned.

Judgment was with costs.

CHINA COAST.

GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. H. Warren, chief officer, "Kaying," is on Home leave.

Mr. J. McKelvie, chief officer, "Ninghai," has gone chief officer, "Kaying."

Mr. S. S. Marr has been appointed third officer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."

Captain C. H. Walker, of the "Kiungchow," has gone master, "Chinhua."

Captain R. Ritchie, of the "Chinhua," has gone master, "Kiungchow."

Captain C. E. Fisher, from reserve, has gone master, "Suiyang."

Mr. D. V. Duncannon, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Suiyang."

Mr. J. Black, sup'y third engineer, "Suiyang," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Linan."

Mr. W. H. Scurr, third engineer, "Linan," has gone third engineer, "Suiyang."

Mr. A. C. Morice, third engineer, "Suiyang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. D. Amour, sup'y second engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone acting second engineer, "Kingyuan."

Mr. W. Gordon, second engineer, "Kingyuan," has gone sup'y second engineer, "Linan."

Mr. W. S. Smith, acting second engineer, "Kiungchow," has gone third engineer, "Linan."

Mr. R. J. McNeill, sup'y second engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone acting second engineer, "Kiungchow."

Mr. R. Geater, second engineer, "Taming," has gone second engineer, "Kansu."

Mr. W. W. McDonald, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Taming."

Mr. V. Petherick, chief officer, "Hingang," is on Home leave.

Mr. J. Lindsay, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Hinsang."

Mr. C. M. Boas, from Home leave, has gone second officer, "Chipshing."

Mr. N. Cook, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. A. E. Smith, second officer, "Siangwo," has gone second officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. J. Shiel, sup'y second officer, "Luenho," has gone second officer, "Kwongsang."

Mr. J. B. Robson, second officer, "Kwongsang," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer, "Kwongsang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. J. McLeavy, second officer, "Tuckwo," has gone acting chief officer, "Luenho."

Mr. B. E. Bidwell, chief officer, "Luenho," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Fowles, sup'y third engineer, "Fooshing," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. J. Fry, from reserve, has gone sup'y second engineer, "Fausang."

Mr. A. T. Perry, chief engineer, "Fooshing," has gone chief engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. H. Cornwall, chief officer, "Pawnwo," has gone chief officer, "Taliee."

—"Shipping & Engineering."

MOBS AGAIN.

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CHINA AND THE LEAGUE.

British Foreign Secretary's Statement.

Geneva, March 8.

Addressing foreign journalists, Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, said that British policy towards Chinese aspirations was a liberal one.

We were looking forward to the time when a government in China adopts the code of civilisation and brings up the administration to modern requirements.

Sir Austen Chamberlain hoped that the civil war would soon end and a stable government be installed. He added that nobody felt the intervention of the League would be useful.—Reuter.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

Official Story of Shanghai Force.

"Rugby, March 8.

On a vote of £950,000 to meet expenditure arising out of the despatch of troops to China, Captain Douglas King, Financial Secretary to the War Office, gave in Parliament a short account of how the despatch was carried out.

He said that on January 18 the Board of Trade was authorised to make the necessary arrangements for ships and the transport of troops.

The Government, not wishing to take any decided military action until the last possible moment, did not authorise the War Office to take the necessary military action until January 21.

On that day warning orders were sent to the units selected to go to China, and on the same day notices were posted calling up men of section A of the Army Reserve composed of men who undertook liability to come up for service at any time within two years of their leaving the Colours.

Only Four Fail.

Of that section of the Reserve notices were sent to 1,518 men, and it was very satisfactory to know that out of that total only four failed to reply to their notices.

Between January 25 and 29 six transports left this country conveying practically the whole of the Shanghai Defence Force, including the whole rifle strength, and most of the auxiliary troops.

For the speed with which the despatch of the Force was carried out the very greatest credit was due to the military and civilian staffs and the officials at the Board of Trade responsible for transport.

The whole movement was carried out with very little fuss and no ostentation. The conveyance of the Force by sea was estimated at £530,000. — British Wireless Service.

LABOUR'S POLICY.

A Defence in the House of Commons.

London, March 8.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. R. Clynes, restating the Labour Party's policy in China, declared that the Opposition had never attempted to negotiate with anyone in China. That was the responsibility of the Ministers. (Conservative cheers).

The Opposition called for peaceful negotiations and there was not a single objectionable word dangerous to the national interest in any statement by anyone authorised to speak for the Opposition.

Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative) and Mr. Ian Macpherson (Liberal) supported the Government's policy.

Wealthy Shanghai.

Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour), opposing the sending of troops to Shanghai, asked whether the wealthy Shanghai colony and Municipality were going to contribute to the cost of the force.

He remarked that troops were being sent from India without the sanction of the Assembly and it looked very much as if we should have to pay for them.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) urged the Government to come to a settlement and recognise the Southern Government as the Government of China.—Reuter.

SEEKING SUPPORT.

Chinese Labour Delegates' Mission.

Amsterdam, March 8.

Chan Ku-yen, representing the China Trade Union Congress, and Li Suhan-sing, representing the Kuomintang Executive Committee, interviewed Mr. Brown, Secretary of the International Federation, with the object of securing sympathetic action by European trade unionists and inducing a delegation of the International Federation of the Trade Union to visit China to investigate locally the recent happenings, particularly the position of Chinese trade unionists and the shootings at Shanghai.

The proposal will be considered at the next meeting of the I.F.T.U. executive at the end of April.

Both these Kuomintang representatives are going to China at the end of March after establishing relations with various European countries, also Chinese seamen at various ports.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

The Seizing of a Socony Launch.

Shanghai, March 5.

Chinese soldiers of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's army, which is retiring, yesterday morning commandeered a motor-launch belonging to the Standard Oil Company. They were intercepted by American marines, surrendered and put off the vessel.

The soldiers, who were said to be in the charge of an officer of sufficient standing to have known better, seized the company's launch "Mei Foo 14" as she lay near Garden Bridge. Attached to the launch were several lighters and, with officials powerless to intervene, the soldiers moved slowly down the river to the bend about six miles down.

Prompt Rescue.

When the launch was opposite the Standard Oil Company's wharves however, those in charge managed to send signals of distress and company officials on shore immediately sent an urgent appeal for assistance to the American Admiral. No time was wasted in diplomatic inquiry. An officer, between 40 and 50 American marines, and a machine gun were sent off in another launch to intercept the soldiers.

The marines had unrolled their heavy overcoats and piled them on the edge of their own launch to use as rifle rests when those on board the commandeered launch thought better of it and surrendered. The marines boarded the launch, forced the military intruders to leave her and then returned the craft to her original station.

Some of the Chinese soldiers who were standing on deck when the marines arrived were fully armed and it is said that there were large stores of ammunition and arms in the cabins.

NEW MAYOR.

Marshal Chang Chung-chang's Appointee.

Shanghai, March 5.

Although Marshal Chang Chung-chang announced to the local officials that no changes would be made in the local personnel, it has become known that he intends to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. V. K. Ting, by appointing General Wu Kuang-hsing as Tupan of Shanghai. General Wu is a brother-in-law of Marshal Tuan Chi-jui with whom he has always been politically associated. He was in charge of Marshal Tuan's bodyguard when the Marshal was Chief Executive in Peking.

It is understood that Admiral Pi will be in command of the troops at Sungkiang and that General Li Pao-chang will remain at the Arsenal in charge of the local forces. General Wu Kuang-hsing will not only be the civil administrator of the Port of Shanghai, but he will be in command of all the forces on the Shanghai-Sungkiang front, the other officers being subordinate to him.

General Wu arrived in Shanghai with Marshals Chang and Sun but returned with them to Nanking. It is not known when he will return to Shanghai.

"WE'RE READY."

Australian Volunteers For China.

In an interview, the Australian Acting-Minister for Defence (Major Marr), made it clear that the British Government had not asked the Commonwealth for troops to go to China.

"And we have not offered troops," Major Marr added.

He said that beyond a general way, there had been no discussion in Cabinet of the Chinese situation.

Many had volunteered to go to China the Minister declared. So many letters from men offering to volunteer had been passed on to him by other members that he had asked them to reply individually, as enough of his time was taken up in replying to men and youths who had written him personally.

SHANGHAI TERRORISM.

Foreman Murdered and Another Injured.

Shanghai, March 8.

The leaders of labour in Shanghai are now employing terrorist methods with the object of securing complete domination over the workers. Following intimidation by pickets comes news of the murder of a loyal foreman of the Shanghai Dock Company, who was shot dead at his home and the attempted murder of a loyal mill foreman who was thrice shot in the street and seriously wounded. There have been no arrests.

One resolution at labour meetings yesterday proposed arming the workers for attacking the police station.—Reuter.

Heavy Rains.

Shanghai, March 8.

The Soochow and Sunkiang fronts continue quiet, due to heavy rains making a quagmire of the country.—Reuter.

ACADEMY "REJECTS."

LEFT TO LANGUISH IN VAULTS.

INTERESTING QUESTION.

Why do artists leave their pictures in the vaults of the Royal Academy?

It is an interesting psychological question. During the last ten years some 250 pictures, which were once the loving pride of their creators, have been left behind after they had been rejected for the summer exhibition and they have lain in the vaults of Burlington House.

An official of the Royal Academy said to an "Evening Standard" representative:—

"Each year something like 10,000 pictures are submitted for hanging in the summer exhibition of the Academy. Each year sees a dozen or more which have been rejected left behind by the artists. Some of them are large pictures, and here there may be tragedy, for the artist sometimes cannot afford to take back a big frame to his studio. Most pictures which have been left behind are on the modern fashionable small size. They are mostly very bad, and I do not think there are any hidden masterpieces there.

Liable to Sale.

"There are no Johns or Orpens or Laverys among that forlorn gathering.

"When an artist submits a picture he has to fill in a form, and this contains the stipulation that the Academy will not undertake to store unclaimed works for more than 12 months after the exhibition in which they were shown. After this they are liable to be sold."

"That last clause has sometimes been carried into effect. I recall that in pre-war days it was decided to organise a sale with a London firm of auctioneers. The vaults were cleared and the pictures sold. Something like £200 was handed over to the Artists' General Benevolent Institution."

"Maybe that will happen again one day."

LONDON'S NOISES.

MELODIOUS SOUND OF HORSE VEHICLES.

Mr. Jack Hylton, the "Jazz" musician, has made some sound tests at busy traffic centres in London with an electrical recorder. The apparatus was carried in a car which stopped at selected points for a few minutes. The records obtained are to go to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Changing Bus Gear.

Mr. Hylton stated afterwards that the sounds having the greatest effect were those made by the changing of gear on omnibuses. On the wax impression these produced a deep, harsh, grating impression, like a blunt nail being drawn heavily across rough stone. They stood out vividly against a background of minor sounds, which in turn had their background—a faint, machine-like drone, which was actually the combination of the traffic. There was also a kind of perpetual shudder, which was caused by heavy wheels vibrating not only the roadway, but the buildings on either side.

Motor Horns.

"Across this background," he said "and its sub-background, mingling with the harsher and louder sound vibrations, the noise of the horns is the next prominent volume of sound. These produce sound vibrations next in strength to the changing of gears. They flare across the wax impression like streaks of light.

"Human sounds are non-existent. The sound of voices and of the multitude of footsteps may be merged into the sub-background or drone, but they are entirely lost as distinct sounds.

"Occasionally the instrument records on the wax a light tinkling sound, like a few bars from Mozart, which flutter across the impression and disappear. This is produced by an accasional passing horse vehicle; yet the actual sound of the vehicle behind the horse is not separately distinguishable."

If all manufacturers would treat their workers well, they would not alone have happiness, but they would make more money.—Mr. Bernhard Baron.

MISS OWEN AGAIN.

LIVELY EXCHANGES WITH JUDGE.

SEEKING A RE-TRIAL.

London, Feb. 11.

The Chancery Division was enlivened by a heated verbal altercation between Judge and Counsel today, when Miss Owen pleaded for the re-hearing of her action against Lord Rothermere.

She stated that she consented to withdraw her action only if Lord Rothermere agreed to pay her costs and to contribute large sums to charities, nominated by her.

Miss Owen alleged that Counsel, Mr. Jowitt, settled the case without such terms. Mr. Upjohn, Miss Owen's present Counsel, contended that Mr. Jowitt must appear in Court like any ordinary man and be subjected to cross-examination.

A lively argument ensued regarding Counsel's privileges, Mr. Justice Astbury pointing out it was most difficult for Counsel to cease to be Counsel to become a witness and then go back and argue the case on his own evidence. The usual process was for Judge to ask Counsel to make a statement from his place in Court. Any other course would be preposterous.

Mr. Upjohn thought Mr. Justice Astbury was already halfway deciding the motion before hearing it.

Mr. Justice Astbury on two occaions complained of Mr. Upjohn's gross impertinence, adding, "if you cannot behave, I shall have to ask you to sit down."

The majority of Counsel agreed to forego the privilege.

Mr. Jowitt appeared standing at the Bar and took the oath. He stated that he formed the impression that Lord Rothermere intended to do something towards paying Miss Owen's costs.

The case is continuing.

"MISSING" CYCLISTS.

NEWS RECEIVED AFTER LONG SILENCE.

ENGINE TROUBLE DELAY.

London, Feb. 17.

Cairo.—The British motorists, Capt. Malins and Mr. Charles Oliver, who were held up with motor trouble, have now reached Kossaima, on the Palestine frontier.

Earlier Despatch.

A message received earlier stated:—

London, Feb. 16.

A mishap in the Sinai Desert is supposed to have been the fate of the two British motorists, Mr. Charles Oliver and Captain Malins, who started on a world tour on November 27 on Temple motor cycle combinations, with kinema apparatus.

They left Suez on February 27 and thenceforth nothing has been heard of them. They were expected to arrive at Jerusalem a few days later, while by now they should have reached Baghdad.

Mr. Oliver was the navigator of the "R33" when she broke adrift from the mooring-mast at Pulham during the gale in 1925, and he skilfully brought back the airship after being eight days at the mercy of the gale.

Capt. Malins accompanied Messrs. Blake and MacMillan in their attempt to fly round the world in 1923. They reached the Bay of Bengal, where, after being forced to descend, their machine floated for several days.

POLICE ACTION.

A SCARE IN BROADWAY THEATRES.

AGAINST INDECENT SHOWS.

London, Feb. 10.

New York.—Unknown to the audiences most intense excitement prevailed behind the scenes in the three broadway theatres last night, playing respectively "The Captive," "Sex" and "The Virgin Man."

The police opened a long projected campaign for purging the theatres of questionable features and detectives arrived before the performances began and warned the actors and producers that they would be arrested at the conclusion of the performance.

Finally they apprehended some 40 actors, actresses and managers and charged them with participating in indecent shows and committing a public nuisance.

They were released on bail.

The Courts came to the rescue of three theatrical enterprises, and the 40 arrested persons have been released on bail and a temporary injunction has been granted permitting the plays to continue until the cases are legally reviewed.

FILMS AND SONG.

CURRENT QUEEN'S THEATRE PROGRAMME.

TROOPS LEAVING ENGLAND.

Broadway, famous for its extravagant follies, is the setting of the feature film now showing at the Queen's Theatre, "Sally, Irene and Mary," based on the successful Stage play of the same name.

The story concerns the adventures of three girls on the music hall stage in New York, taking the spectator behind the scenes of a vaudeville show and into the homes, luxurious and humble, of the actresses.

"Sally, Irene and Mary" is a picture that has been made with great care and skill; it is sure to impress all who see it with the tragic as well as the lighter side of Broadway life.

Not the least interesting part of the programme is a topical gazette showing troops of the Shanghai Defence Force leaving England photographed in London and at Southampton.

The comedy in the current programme depicts life a hundred years hence when women have replaced men as the stronger sex. The sub-titles are witty and there is some excellent fooling.

Signor Bonavita adds variety to the programme by contributing some songs from opera which he renders in a very effective manner, aided by the Queen's Orchestra under Mr. Grovini.

BRITISH RESIDENTS SAFE.

Managua, March 8.

The British cruiser "Colombo" has departed, the British Charge d'Affaires stating that the British Government is now satisfied that Britishers' interest will henceforth be adequately protected.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 9—Queen's Theatre; "Sally, Irene, Mary."

March 9—World Theatre; "The Shock Punch."

March 9—Star Theatre; Constance Talmadge in "Dulcy."

March 9—Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association's fancy dress dance at the school, 9 p.m.

March 9—Concert at Helena May Institute in aid of M.C. L., 8.30 p.m.

March 12—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

March 17—Musicale at Helena May Institute.

March 19—The Hong Kong A.D.C.'s 1st performance at Theatre Royal of "Last of Mrs. Cheyney" the latest farce from London.

Sports.

March 13—Fanling Spring paper hunt, 11 a.m.

March 14—Kowloon Cricket Club annual tennis tournament.

March 19 & 20—Inaugural Race Meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Macao Ltd.

Meetings.

March 10—Seventh annual meeting of Hong Kong Chinese Y.W.C.A. 127, Caine Road, 2.30 p.m.

March 10—Meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Hong Kong branch, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, 5 p.m.

March 15—Mid-Level Residents' Assen. Meeting, Ladies' Recreation Club.

March 23—Fifth annual meeting of H.K. Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 23—Sixteenth annual meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., 6, Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 2.30 p.m.

March 28—Fifty-eighth general meeting of H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

Lammert's Auction.

March 12—At Messrs. Lammert Bros.' Sales Room, jewellery, removed from the Wang Cheong Hing Kee Shop of No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

March 10—Flower Show at Volunteer Headquarters, 3 to 7 p.m.

March 10—Theosophical Society's lecture on "Co-operation," at the Hong Kong Lodge, 7, Duddell Street, 6 p.m.

March 25—Diocesan Girls' School annual speech day and prize-giving.

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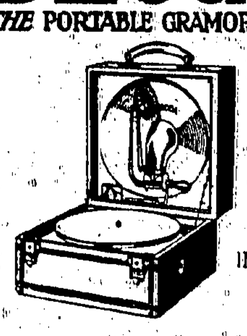

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Japanese journalists have decided to hold their 15th annual conference in Shanghai, sometime in April, this year.

The Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. hold their seventh annual meeting at No. 127, Caine Road at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow. The proceedings will be in Chinese.

The director of the Corfu Asylum telegraphs that owing to lack of funds he has been forced to free 200 lunatics, says the Athens correspondent of the "Westminster Gazette."

A bus owned by the China Motor Bus Co., suddenly burst into flames outside the Star Ferry wharf at Kowloon yesterday. Extinguishers were luckily at hand and the five was quickly subdued before serious damage was done.

After she had been pitched out of a side-car on to her nose, a woman was so injured that she could breathe only through one nostril, causing violent snoring. This compelled her husband to occupy a separate room. At the Liverpool Assizes she was awarded £200 damages for the injury.

There was no business of public import at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board at which Mr. N. L. Smith presided, other members present being the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. W. Ts'o, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary).

The Bishop of London (Dr. Winnington Ingram), in a letter to "The Times" regarding the Chinese pirates, says:—"It is ridiculous that they should be allowed a free run. The British Fleet is now there, and it could smoke out the wasps' nest in a day. The Chinese themselves are astonished that the British do nothing, and call us a 'Paper Tiger.'"

While motoring on the dunes near The Hague, Queen Wilhelmina saw a woman struggling in the sea. She ordered her chauffeur to drive as quickly as possible to the place, and the Queen, together with the chauffeur and a lady-in-waiting, got the woman out of her perilous position. Wrapped in shawls, she was taken to the nearest hospital, where she quickly recovered. She had walked into the water in a state of nervous excitement.

Sargent's painting "The Three Graces" has been sold for £20,000 and sent to America.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. notifies that normal cable working with Shanghai and beyond has been re-established.

Three cases of enteric fever (typhoid) were notified yesterday, two from the city district and one from Kowloon. One patient is British, another Chinese and the third a Japanese.

General Wu Pei-fu, one of the Northern war lords, who appears to be out of the game.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation lost their action against Mr. G. R. Henkel, of Hankow, of Tls. 47,000 according to a judgment given by Judge Milton D. Purdy in the U.S. Court for China at Shanghai last week. The Bank had sued for the sum with interest from March 3, 1926, as damages for fraud and deceit which, it was alleged, the defendant practised upon the bank while he was acting as director and manager of the Central China Export Company. Judge Purdy found there was no fraudulent representation and judgment was accordingly entered for the defendant with costs.

Mrs. Hayley Morries was slightly injured when a car in which she was riding collided with a lorry in Plough-lane, Croydon.

A thief, evading ten servants and a dog, entered the front door of a Park Lane mansion, and stole jewellery worth £40,000 from a bedroom. The occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthall, were in an adjoining room.

Peaches Browning, the 16-years-old wife of an eccentric millionaire, who is suing him for divorce and 1,000,000 dollars, was offered a contract in the moving pictures. An enterprising film promoter saw Peaches in the height of her emotions in court, and decided that she had a good camera face. This announcement was only an hour old, however, when the Czar of Filmdom," Mr. Will Hays, heard about it, and said: "Camera face or not, Peaches can't appear in any movie theatre in America!"

* THEOSOPHY *
"CO-OPERATION"
will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge the Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, (next to Hotel Metropole), on Thursday, March 10th, at 6 p.m., Lecturer: Mr. John Russell, F.T.S. The public are heartily invited to attend.
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"I shall never be hanged, even if she dies," said Vincent Michellette, a Chicago waiter, who fired four bullets at his best girl after a quarrel. "I am a big bootlegger," he added, "and whoever heard of a bootlegger being hanged in Chicago?" Michellette was formerly a waiter, and earned £8 a week. As a bootlegger he earned £5,000 in December. He showed the police his dairy to prove that he spent £10,000 on the girl in six months, and claims that his shooting was justified because she was friendly with other men.

Five months after Mr. John Dodge, the motor-car manufacturer, died, a daughter, now aged six, and named Anna, was born. The widow since has re-married. Anna got £1,500,000 under the probated will, but the other children objected, and the courts then awarded the mother the personal property represented by this estate, and gave the brothers and sisters the realty. Still dissatisfied, the children appealed to the final courts, who decided that a posthumous child had no property rights. Anna's share was entirely awarded to the mother, and the other children get nothing.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. A. H. Barlow (chief manager of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bankng Coporation) sailed on the "Empress of Asia" to-day for Home leave.

Going Home on leave, via Canada, Mr. J. M. McHutcheon (of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) sailed from Hong Kong to-day on the "Empress of Asia."

M. L. Yates, of the Prince Line, is joining the "Empress of Asia" at Shanghai (sails from Hong Kong to-day). Mr. Yates is spending his holiday at Home.

Mr. T. C. T. Beck of Messrs. T. E. Griffith, Ltd, is going on Home leave to-day. Mr. Beck is a keen rider to hounds and has ridden in several steeplechases at Kwanti.

Miss Nellie Kailey, the daughter of Mr. W. Kailey of the Standard Oil Co., left Hong Kong to-day on the "Empress of Asia." Miss Kailey only recently returned to the Colony after graduating at an American University.

Military officers going to Shanghai from Hong Kong to-day on the "Empress of Asia" include Colonel Rice, R.A.P.C., Major Daniels, R.A.V.C., Captain Hollingsworth, Captain Robins and Lt. Vindam of the 2nd/Suffolks.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson (manager of the Chatered Bank of India, Australia & China, Hong Kong office) sailed to-day on the "Empress of Asia" on long leave. Mr. Ferguson is going as far as Vancouver, but Mrs. Ferguson and family (who are on the same liner), are proceeding to England. Mr. Ferguson is a very keen golfer and has won many honours on local courses.

Three of the Shanghai jockeys who took part here in the annual race meeting are returning on the "Empress of Asia." They are Mr. A. N. Dallas (with his bride), Mr. C. Encarnacao and Mr. J. Pote-Hunt. Also bound for Shanghai on the same ship are Mrs. R. Mein Austin, Mr. A. Hyde Lay, Mr. R. E. Toeg, Mr. D. E. Sassoon, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. C. S. Gubbay and Mr. S. J. H[illegible]

Mr. A. K. Mackenzie of Messrs. Reiss & Massey, sailed to-day on the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai.

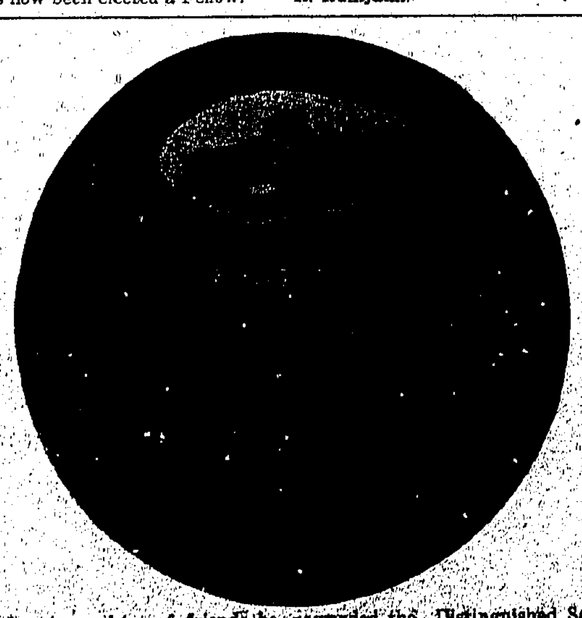
Mr. A. M. Haimovitch, the Shanghai jockey who has been in Hong Kong for some time in connection with the annual race meeting, sailed to-day on the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai.

Information has reached Shanghai that Mr. A. H. Ballard, the partner of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews in charge of their London Office and who was previously an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has now been elected a Fellow.

Mrs. E. Jenkinson, the manageress of the Peak Hotel, left the Colony to-day on the "Empress of Asia." She is to settle in Victoria, British Columbia.

Mr. G. Lynott, of the Manufacturers Life Insurance of Canada, sailed to-day on the "Empress of Asia" and will disembark at Shanghai.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong to-day on the "Empress of Asia" were Mr. W. G. Pirie, Mr. R. Grimshaw, Dr. D. H. Brien, Captain J. G. Horn, Dr. J. D. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. K. Cobb and Miss R. Rumjahn.



Leaving a host of friends behind him, Engineer Captain E. G. Pallot, D.S.O., R.N., sailed for Home this morning on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Patroclus." Captain Pallot has been Chief Engineer at H.M.'s Dockyard, Hong Kong, since February 1925. He is to take up appointment to H.M.S. "President" for special service, prior to going on a Home appointment. During the War, Captain Pallot served with the Harwich Force in H.M.S. "Cleopatra" (1915-1917), and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Croix de Guerre avec palme. From 1918 to 1920, he was in H.M.S. "King George V," flagship of the 2nd Battle Squadron. He has also been at Rosyth Dockyard and was chief engineer at Pembroke Dockyard. In June, 1923, Captain Pallot received his present rank. In Hong Kong, Captain Pallot took a very keen interest in sport and freemasonry. He made many friends here by his genial disposition and his departure will be regretted by all who knew him.

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POLICE IN LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE.

ASSOCIATION MEETING.

After some discussion yesterday at the annual meeting it was decided by the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association that the Police Recreation Club, which finished last in division I of the bowls league yesterday, is not to be relegated.

Kowloon Cricket Club, winners of division H, are to go up to the top circle.

Clubs entering for the first time will be placed in division H.

The meeting was held in the old Chamber of Commerce room at the City Hall, Mr. B. W. Bradbury presiding over a large attendance representing all bowls clubs in the Colony.

At the outset of the meeting, all present stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Blake, formerly a prominent bowler in the Colony.

Chinese R.C. to Join.

The accounts for the past year showing a balance in bank of $735, were put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. Broadbury explained that there was a large balance because of the fact that the Association had abandoned the idea of giving medals and also because the Interport last year was played in Shanghai, the local Association thus incurring no expenses.

Mr. C. E. Wong, representing the Chinese Recreation Club, said that his Club was contemplating laying bowling greens for its members and appealed to the Association for assistance in turfing the ground and for any other advice which would be beneficial to the Club.

The chairman expressed the hope that the venture would prove a success and said he hoped that the Chinese would be keen contestants for the League honours. (Applause).

When Entries Close.

Entries will close this season as follow:—

League: May 7, $50 per club as for last season.

Open championship (singles): April 2, to be run on same lines as last year; no preliminary qualifying competition for each club, all to play in general eliminating tournament.

Spey Cup: rinks of four from each club, knock-out tournament.

No doubles championship.

The Season's Officers.

Officers for the season were elected as follow:—

President: Mr. R. Sutherland.

Vice-President: Mr. D. Templeton.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. J. Tacchi (re-elected).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. O. Brawn (re-elected).

A vote of thanks was passed to the prize donors and all the retiring officers.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

DEFENCE CORPS ANNUAL SHOOT.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

An interesting programme has been issued for the annual rifle meeting of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to be held at Stonecutters on April 17 and 18.

There are thirteen competitions, including a revolver shoot open to all comers. The other events are for members of the Corps with limitations as detailed.

Entries close to the hon. secretary at headquarters at 12 noon on April 4.

For the purposes of the shoot, the Corps will be dividend into the following units:—

Artillery Company.

Engineer Co.: Field Section, Signal Section, Light Section.

Mounted Infantry Co. and Armoured Car Section.

Machine Gunners: Right Sub-section, Left Sub-section.

Mobile Column and Drivers.

Infantry Co: No. 1 Platoon, No. 2 Platoon, No. 3 Platoon, No. 4 Platoon, No. 5 Platoon, No. 6 Platoon, No. 7 Platoon, No. 9 Platoon.

The thirteen competition are as follow:—

Corps Championship.

Tyro Competition.

Jar Competition (teams of four).

Tile Competition (inter-unit, teams of four).

Hong Kong Volunteer Reserve Challenge Cup (open to No. 9 Platoon).

Attack Competition (teams of six).

Musketry Competition.

Blake Shield (teams of four).

Francis Cup (teams of four).

Lewis Gun Competition.

Revolver Competition.

Revolver Competition (open).

Machine Gun Competition.

PONY AUCTION.

SOME BOUGHT FOR USE AS CHARGERS.

A FEW FOR HUNTING.

Twenty-nine ponies were put up for auction at the annual pony roup held yesterday at the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

As compared with previous years, prices were not high. On the other hand, there were no ridiculous knock-downs of $5 and $10 for the mokes.

It can hardly be said that any one pony was bought specifically for flat racing although more than a few may be schooled over the sticks in the New Territories. But, at most, there were only one or two ponies which came under the hammer which would have won an "A" class handicap at an extra meeting.

Object of Envy.

In terms of mere dollars, the highest value was placed on an Arab stallion, which cannot be raced here—out he was withdrawn at $400.

Several animals went to over $200.

Owing to the absence of transport facilities last year, Canton buyers were not in evidence. They were here in force this year and bidding was very keen from the early stages up to just over $100 or so. These buyers are not out for class. Any pony which will come up to moderate hack requirements is gladly accepted as there is always a large demand up-country for Mongolian ponies. A 13-hand charger in the hands of a Chinese military officer is always the object of envy of others who ride the puny ones—as small as donkeys—which are bred on the uplands of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Individual Values.

The prices realised are given below together with the name of the buyer. The amount at which bidding opened is given in brackets:—

Stonehenge, 1927 sub. ($10), $100, Mr. Mack Chai.

Invader, 1926 sub. ($10), $40, Mr. Leung.

Turnabout, 1927 sub. ($10), $110, Mr. Chan Kee.

Cavite Bay, 1927 sub. ($20), $85, Mr. Sum.

Salt Cellar, 1927 sub. ($10), $95, Mr. B. Montague Ede.

Boston, old pony, $20), $120, Mr. Sum.

Titmouse, 1927 sub. ($25), $120, Mr. J. K. Bousfield.

White Mouse, 1927 sub. ($50), $160, Mr. J. K. Bousfield.

Grosvenor, 1927 sub. ($20), $120, Lt.-Col. Russell.

Persistent, ($50), $130, Mr. Sum.

Nell Gwynne, (mare) 1926 sub., ($20), $50, Mr. Leung.

But-an'-ben, 1927 sub. ($10), $70, Mr. Sum.

Beldorney Star, old pony, ($50), $150, Mr. Sum.

Kublai Khan, 1927 sub. ($20), $90, Mr. Sum.

The Pink Lady, griffin, ($30), $140, Mr. B. Montague Ede.

Silver Hall, 1927 sub. ($10), $85, Mr. Sum.

Jade Hall, griffin ($20), $120, Mr. Sum.

Mountain Stag, 1927 sub. ($20), $90, Mr. Sum.

Pearl River II 1927 sub., ($25), $140, Mr. M. M. Watson.

Min River, 1927 sub., ($25), $220, Mr. J. J. Paterson.

King Fern, 1927 sub., ($20), $130, Mr. Sum.

Foxtrot, 1927 sub., ($100), $220, Colonel Comyn.

Ponies Withdrawn.

The following were the ponies withdrawn from the sale:—

Pasha, Black stallion, Arab cross-bred, 13.1 hands (opened at $400).

Southampton, 1927 griffin (reached $160), the Maiden Stakes.

Kwan Tao, old pony, winner of Fanling Steeplechase, and entered for Macao Meeting (reached $225).

Golden Star, (no bid).

Barley Grass, 1926 extra meetings and 1927 winner (no bid).

San Diego, old pony and 1926 winner (reached $290).

Smoke Call, 1927 sub. (no bid).

DAVIS CUP.

4 MORE CHALLENGES FOR 1927.

New York, March 8.

Ireland, Germany, Denmark and Mexico have issued challenges for the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition in 1927.—Reuter's American Service.

FANLING GOLF.

The March qualifying competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was held at Fanling during the week-end. Mr. F. A. Perry won with a score of 95 (handicap 17), net score 81. There were thirty entries. Next best were Mr. R. L. Moncrieff 90 (-8) 84 and Mr. J. S. McLaren 98 (-12) 86.

There were nine entries for the optional Pool, Mr. F. J. de Rome winning with 88 (-7) 76.

OUR JOCKEYS.

MR. BRODIE AND MR. RALPH.

LEAVE HONG KONG TO-DAY.

Two of Hong Kong's leading gentleman riders sail to-day on the "Empress of Asia" for Home via Canada.

They are Mr. E. A. Brodie and Mr. L. P. Ralph who both did well at the annual meeting last week.

Latterly Mr. Brodie has been riding for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson for whom he won two classic races for subscription griffins with Skidoo. Mr. Brodie has also been very successful at extra meetings. In Hong Kong for only two years or so, Mr. Brodie won a number of races in Shanghai before being transferred here. Mr. Brodie is also an enthusiastic soccerite and has played as forward in the Hong Kong F.C. 1st XI.

Only last year, Mr. L. P. Ralph was still riding as a novice. His rapid improvement last year was wonderful and he did himself full justice this year when he wore the colours of Messrs. F. C. Hall and W. E. L. Shenton, for whom he won the Governor's Cup on Saligia.

Autumn Champions Winner.

On the same pony, Mr. Ralph was first in the Autumn Champions of 1926 and the Aggregate Stakes were also annexed. Mr. Ralph also likes cricket and lawn tennis but has given the majority of his time to racing.

With the advent of steeple-chasing, Mr. Brodie rode at first but not recently. Mr. Ralph has had regular mounts at the last few meetings.

Hong Kong can ill afford to lose two such splendid sportsmen who, by a coincidence, both are on the staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. Rumour has it that both of them will be transferred elsewhere after their leave but it is sincerely hoped that they will return.

M.C.C. TOUR.

RETURN MATCH AGAINST NORTH INDIA.

2ND INNINGS RECOVERY.

Calcutta, Feb. 23.

The M.C.C. opened a return fixture against Northern India at Delhi to-day.

Batting first, the M.C.C. made 232 for three wickets. Sandham made 74, Brown 40 and Wyatt 73 not out. Sandham and Brown put on 73 in a first wicket partnership.

Calcutta, Feb. 25.

The match between the M.C.C. and Northern India at Delhi was drawn.

The tourists declared with 369 for nine wickets. Wyatt made 96, Parsons 61 and Earle 58.

Northern India were out for 185 in the first innings, when Tate took four for 51 and Astill five for 45. Following on, they showed a complete change of form and compiled 260 for one wicket. Dilawar Hussain made 85 and Wazir Ali 113 not out.

The M.C.C. tried eight bowlers, and all were punished.

CLUB RUGGER XV.

At 5.30 p.m. to-morrow, the Hong Kong Football Club rugby section (on their own ground) will be represented by the following XV against the 4th Submarine Flotilla:—Summers, J.A.; Pritchard, Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom, Bowker, Lammert; Stephenson, Wales; Millar, Foster, Akehurst, Lithgow, Smith, Jordain, Lee, Beveridge; Garrod.

HOCKEY MATCH.

By two goals to nil, the Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers, yesterday on the U.S.R.C. ground at Kowloon, G. B. Slipper and L. M. S. Lloyd each finding the Infantrymen's goal once.

Glamorgan County Cricket Club hope to make the coming season a record in all respects. They are casting their eyes around for promising talent, and among those invited to practise at their nets is Ivor Cook, a Blaina batsman, who played for Monmouthshire County last season. Cook is quite young but *shapes exceedingly well at the* wickets. He also plays football and is a centre three-quarter in the Blaina side.

W. T. Tilden's new plans for his European visit are practically settled. The ex-champion will leave New York on April 9 and take part in the hard court championships of France in Paris at the end of May. He will then proceed to Wimbledon. Tilden will be accompanied by other American players, to be chosen by the United States Lawn Tennis Association. If business permits, F. T. Hunter will be sent as a partner for Tilden in the doubles. They should make a very strong combination, as Hunter's fierce forehand drive will give Tilden countless opportunities for his clever interceptions.

LAWN TENNIS.

A NEW FRENCH "STAR" FOUND.

EXCESSIVE MODESTY.

The outstanding feature of the Christmas tournament of the covered courts of the Sporting Club de Paris was the progress made by Pierre Landry, who won the Irish championship last summer, and who only went down before Lacoste, who has now four times won the Coupe de Noel, after a determined battle in which he gave proof of solid attacking as well as defensive qualities.

M. Landry's greatest fault, which tends to render him popular as well as somewhat to spoil his game, is his excessive modesty. With a little more self-assurance he would probably have won both the first and third sets of his match against Lacoste, thus carrying it into five sets. The score, 8-6, 6-2, 8-6, only gives an imperfect idea of the dogged manner in which Landry fought every step of the game.

Rank With Greatest.

Lacoste first led by four games to nil; Landry pulled up to four all and 6-5, but Lacoste took the next three games. The second set had no history, but in the third from 4-1 against him, Landry pulled the score up to 5-4 and 30 love in his favour but lacked the assurance to take the set.

In any case, France has added another valuable string to her bow, and when he has gained rather more confidence Landry will rank side by side with Cochet and Borotra, if not with Lacoste. He is, however, typical of the new brand of French tennis; steady and untemperamental, coolly defending until the right moment comes to attack, and taking advantage of every slip of his opponent.

TENNIS "PROS."

SUZANNE'S £20,000 IN 4 MONTHS.

New York.—Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen's manager has made public details of her tour of the United States showing that the French lawn tennis star has made approximately $100,000 (about £20,000) during her four months' tour here. He states that Mlle. Lenglen's contract stipulated for $60,000 (£12,000) for her giving up her amateur status, and also for 50 per cent. of net "gate" receipts.

It appears that Mr. Vincent Richards has received $35,000 (£7,000), and Miss Browne $30,000 (£6,000) and 5 per cent. of the "gate" receipts. The management expresses its satisfaction with its own share of the profits, which it estimates at between £10,000 and £15,000, and announces that it is negotiating for a Lenglen tour of Great Britain, France, Germany, Australia, and Japan.

NO FURTHER USE.

London, Feb. 17.

Mr. C. C. Pyle, the promoter of professional tennis, announces that Mlle. Lenglen's fame and its financial possibilities have been fully exploited; therefore he is abandoning professionalism.

He bluntly confesses that the financial success up to the present has been only due to public curiosity and was not due to any attraction inherent in the game itself.

He finds it impossible to meet Mlle. Lenglen's demands for future payments.

She and Paul Feret are sailing for France on February 19.

Anticipated Debacle.

Miss Mary Browne is now working in a sports depot in Cleveland and Vincent Richards is proceeding to Florida.

Prominent tennis officials and others in London declare they anticipated a debacle in professional tennis once public curiosity was whetted, and pointed out that the sporting and competitive elements being entirely lacking, it is not attractive to the public.

The absence of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen from this year's lawn tennis championships at Wimbledon has not caused any diminution in the number of applicants for seats. The number received exceeds the 4,000 available seats by many thousands. The result of the ballot will not be made known until this month.

Lord Rochdale has unanimously been elected chairman of the British Olympic Association by the council. Lord Rochdale has had an eminent career in the realm of sport when, as Mr. George Kemp, he played cricket for Cambridge in 1885, 1886, and 1888, and he also played for Lancashire from 1885 to 1893. He represented Cambridge at tennis, too.

R. W. V. Robins, who succeeds R. G. H. Lowe as Association captain at Cambridge, is one of the best games players Highgate School has so far produced. He was the first Highgate old boy to gain a cricket Blue at either university and only four others preceded him as regards the Association Blue. Highgate has, however, had one other double Blue, D. G. A. Lowe, who gained the distinction in Association and athletics.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

First-class passengers arrived at Hong Kong from Manila on the "President Lincoln" on March 9, were:—Mrs S. Arundel, Mr. E. G. Abry, Mrs. F. P. Abry, Mr. B. B. Abry, Mrs. J. W. Abry, Miss E. F. Cushman, Miss M. B. Cushman, Mr. J. A. Cameron, Miss R. A. Cameron, Mr. H. A. Cohen, Mr. A. E. Gadsay, Mrs. E. Gadsay, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glinister, Miss V. Gordon, Mrs. H. Hair, Miss B. Hair, Miss D. Hair, Mr. J. R. Harrison, Mr. F. C. Havighurst, Mr. F. Hocson, Mrs. C. F. Hocson, Mr. T. R. Valiram, Mr. J. P. Loftus, Mr. H. R. Luck, Mr. R. E. Magnussok, Mr. F. G. Madsen, Mr. E. R. Nhiop, Mr. W. W. Overrolt, Mr. R. T. Hassomal, Mr. J. Robbins, Miss G. Shawhan, Mrs. A. Walford, Miss E. V. Wilson, Mrs. H. Wiant, Masters J. and A. Wiant.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed on the Blue Funnel s.s. "Patroclus" from Hong Kong for the United Kingdom via Singapore and Marseilles on March 9, were:—Eng. Capt. E. G. Pallot, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Glinister, Mrs. H. E. Turner, Mrs. J. Tewesbury, Mrs. Hair and two children, Mrs. R. E. Macdougall, Mrs. E. Jonas, Mrs. G. Walford, Capt. and Mrs. F. H. and Mstr. J. Fegen, Mr. T. C. T. Beck, Mr. R. E. Greensmith, Mrs. F. Ratsey, Mrs. L., the Misses M. D., H. C. and A. M. Forster and infant, Mrs. A. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. and the Misses M. D. and J. M. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. W. B. and the Misses F. J. and A. L. Marshall, Capt. C. B. Riggs, Mrs. A. E. Allson and 3 children, Miss M. Connar, Miss M. Cook, Mr. A. L. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Eustace and child, Mrs. Walter Fisher, Mrs. A. H. Hatherly and 2 children, Mrs. A. E. Jones, Miss E. J. Lamborn, Mr. W. H. Lowe, Lt.-Com. F. J. H. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Macgregor and child, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Masters and 2 children, Mrs. R. F. C. Master and 2 children, Mr. R. M. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Woollard and child Mrs. D. B. Walker and 3 children.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the "Empress of Asia" for Shanghai, Japan and Vancouver on March 9, were:—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anderson, Mr. W. R. Andrews, Mr. J. M. Boyat, Mr. P. J. Bailey, Mr. E. A. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barlow, Miss Grace Bennett, Mrs. L. K. Beckel, Mr. C. Breyer, Mr. C. Breyer, Mr. W. R. Buckberrough, Dr. D. H. Brien, Mr. S. H. Chin, Mr. Joe Chaney, Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. K. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chan, Mr. Cheung Pak-fan, Mr. Chu Ning-chuen, Mr. N. K. Chu, Mr. Chan Yuen, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Dale, Miss R. Daye, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. J. Fred. Daw, Mrs. V. M. Davis, Major Daniels, Mr. G. Encarnaco, Mr. and Mrs. A. H., and the Misses D., E. and M. Ferguson, Mr. Paul C. Fann, Mr. T. Farley, Mr. and Mrs. V. Farmer, Mr. K. M. Fetterly, Mr. Fan Wa-shum, Miss B. Gill, Mr. L. Garner, Mrs. D. Garrod, Miss E. M. Griffen, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Vuevera, Mr. P. and Mstr. V. Guzman, Mrs. L. and 2 children, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gardner, Mr. R. Grimshaw, Mr. H. C. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Harper, Mr. J. R. Hopkins, Capt. J. G. Horn, Mr. V. G. Hill, Capt. Hollingsworth, Mr. S. J. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jonsson, Miss Jonsson, Mrs. E. Jenkinson, Mr. E. H. Jones, Miss N. Kailey, Mr. K. B. King, Mstr. W. Kong, Mrs. G. B. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok Chochun, Mr. A. Kopp, Mrs. E. and the Misses (2) Lessner, Mr. J. Liebly, Miss P. Loften, Mr & Mrs H. J. Law, Mr. A. Hyde Lay, Mr. G. Lynott Mr. W. Mills, Mrs L. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. and the Misses M. E. & I. M. McHutcheon, S. Q. M. S. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. T. MacInnes, Mr. C. U. Ma, Mrs. R. Mein Austin, Mr. E. R. Morris, Mr. J. S. Mackie, Dr. J. D. Moore, Mr. A. K. MacKenzie, Miss Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nakao and 2 children, Mrs. Nicholls, Mr. C. Nahas, Mrs. A. P. Nazer, Mr. K. Ono, Mrs. J. B. Parades, Miss D. Pyman, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierce, Mr. Porte-Hunt, Mr. Y. M. Pei, Mr. W. G. Pirie, Mr. Pan Ching-poo, Mr. L. P. Ralph, Miss R. Rumjahn, Capt. Robins, Col. Rice, Mrs. A. M. Sproge, Mr. K. Suni, Mr. T. Schneider, Mr. D. E. Sassoon, Mr. Sun Wing-hong, Mrs. R. J. Snedden, Rev. Fr. P. A. Taggart, Miss Tang R. Moy, Mr. R. E. Toeg, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. J. K. Tweed, Miss E. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Vent, Lt. Vinden, Mr. and Mrs. Wu Fat-king, Mrs. M. Wong, Mrs. K. Wu, Miss T. K. Wu, Mr. C. Y. Wo, Mr. D. Wagstaff, Miss Yue Yuk-kwan, Mr. J. J. Strahee, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spencer, Mr. E. Sachs, Mr. A. H. A. Movitch, Mr. J. J. Strakle, Mrs. G. Thompson.

First-class passengers departed from Hong Kong by the A. O. L. "President Grant" on March 7, were:—Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bushnell, Mr. R. L. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown, Sister Mary Cuthbert, Mr. P. S. Cravat, Mr. R. A. Curry, Sister Felicitas, Mr. J. G. Hirsch, Miss L. Pashanins, Mrs. Henrietta Storey, Mr. F. H. Seidenspinner, Mrs. Lillian M. Singer, Mrs. Garman F. Stoeckli, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sutterle, Mr. R. J. Tozer, Mr. R. K. Zercher, Mr. Carl Muller, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington, Mr. Antonia Abad, Mr. N. Rayner, Mr. Jose Moreno Brodeth, Mr. W. T. Baibd, Mr. Lo Aw-kao, Mr. H. M. Oettinger, Mr. Joseph Robaglia, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. North, Master I. North, Miss R. Baghet, Mr. Chan Wa, Miss Ic. Giannino, Mr. Gur A. Harrell, Mrs. Edith A. Harrell, Mr. H. J. Eddo, Mr. Keine Rey, Rev. Mother Agatha.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 9, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	1/11¾	1/11¾	1/11¾
T.T. on Shanghai	80	80	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1070 b 1065	1060 b	1060 b
do. London	£114 n [sa	—	£119½ n
Chartered Bank	£21 n	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£3 n.	£32 n.	—
do. C.	£13⅞ n.	£13⅞ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9¼ b	£10 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	74 s.	64 n	71 b
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	$660 n	650 b 660 s	$650 b
China Underwriters	80 n.	85 cts s	80 cts. b
North China Insurance	T145 n	140 n	—
Union Insurance	285 b	284 b & sa	285 sa
Yangtze Insurance	$38 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	31½ n	31 b	31 n
Hongkong Steamboats	22 s	19 b 20 s	20 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2¼ n.	1¼ s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30 s	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	40 b	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transports	98/- n	£5 b	101/- n.
Star Ferries	55½ b	54 b 55 s	55½ n
Water-boats	14 b	14 b	14 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	20 s	20 s
Malabon Sugars	34 n	33 s	31½ b.
Mining.			
Benguets	1.30 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- n	42/6 n.	40/- n
Langkats (Combined)	$24½ n	20 b	20 b
do. (Single)	12½ n	10 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	T4½ n	6 b.	—
Shanghai Loan	T7¼ n	4 b	—
Raubs	4 s.	3.40 n	3½ n.
Tronoh Mines	21/- b	—	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n	21/- b	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	103b 103s 102	103 s	100 b
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n [sa	37 b 39 s	40 n
Hongkews	T150 b	—	150 n
New Engineerings	T5½ b	5½ b	5 b
Shanghai Docks	T102 b	101½ b 103 s	102 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.65 s	7½ b	7½ s
Hongkong Lands	54 sa	53¾ b 54½ s	55 s
Hongkong Realty	5¾ b 6 sa	6 b [54 sa	6 s
H.K. Territorial	2¼ s	2 s	2 s
Humphreys Estates	12¾ b	13 n	13 n
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ s	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	$3½ b	8¼ b	8½ s
Orientals	T2½ n	2½ b	3 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54 b	53½ b	54 n.
do. (new)	T27 b	26½ b	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n.	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 b	7.90 n	7 b
do. (old)	6 s	7½ n	6 b
do. (new)	1½ s	1 n	1 b
China Buses	9½ n.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 b & sa	14 b	14.60 n
do. (old)	11 n	10½ b	10½ n
do. (new)	7¾ n	7½ b	8 n
China Prov.	4 b & s; 4¼ s	4½ s	4½ s
Dairy Farms	17 n	17½ b	17¼ s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	18.60 b	18¼ n	18½ n
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 b	2.40 b
Hongkong Electrics	55 b	55 s	55 s
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s.	6 s	55 s
do. (new)	5 s.	1 s	7 s
Hongkong Tramways	21 b	21 s 21.10 sa	21 s
Lane, Crawfords	7 b	7 s	7 s
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9.60 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ b.	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	8½ b	8 n	8 b
Sinceres	8½ b	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	11/- s	9/6 b	10/- n
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	65 Cts n
United Asbestos (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	12½ n	12¾ b	13 n
Wm. Powells	6½ n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3.70 b	3½ b	3.80 b

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 9th March 1927.

On London

Bank Wire	1/11¼
" On demand	1/11-13/16
" 30 day's sight	—
" 4 months' sight	2/-13/16
Credits 4 months' sight	2/-
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/-15/16
On Paris—	
On demand	1225
Credits, 4 months' sight	1300
On Berlin—	
On demand	nom.
On New York—	
On demand	48½
Credits, 60 days' sight	49½
On Bombay—	
Wire	133
On demand	
On Calcutta—	
Wire	135
On demand	
On Singapore—	
On demand	85½
On Manila—	
On demand	56½
On Shanghai	
On demand	nom.
30 days sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama	
On demand	97½
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$9.65
Silver per oz.	28 1/16
Bar Silver in Hongkong	3 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	cent.
Chinese Copper Cents	6 % pm
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	2½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	par

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, March 8

Paris	124.05
New York	4.85 9/32
Brussels	24.90
Geneva	25.23
Amsterdam	12.13½
Milan	108⅝
Stockholm	18.21
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.16
Oslo	18.69
Vienna	34.47½
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192 9/16
Madrid	23.52½
Lisbon	2 17/32
Athens	376½
Rio	5⅞
Buenos Aires	47 63/64
Bombay	1/5⅞
Shanghai	2/6½
Hongkong	2/0½
Yokohama	2/0 9/32
Silver Spot	28 1/16
Silver Forward	25⅛

—British Wireless Service.

COLLIERY DISASTER RELIEF.

London, March 8.

The two funds opened on behalf of the victims of the colliery disasters at Cwm and Bilsthorpe, the first by the Lord Mayor of London and the second by the Miners' Federation, already total over £22,000. The Lord Mayor's fund of over £11,000, includes £500 from the Football Association Council and 250 guineas from the Football League. The Finance Committee of the General Council of the T.U.C. has forwarded £1,000 to the Miners' Federation Fund.—Reuter.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

Contrasting Fabrics Much Seen.

From the informal frock that starts the day to the dinner or dance costume that is worn when the occasion demands, the vogue for introducing contrasting fabrics is seen.

The sports outfit which combines jumper and skirt of different fabrics is well known to those who follow Paris ideals in dress. The afternoon costume which finds velvet so satisfactory in part, if not in all its frocks, there appears a very youthful dress that shows a chiffon velvet skirt in either plain, shirred or tucked lines combining smartly with a blouse of graceful outlines in soft silk or satin. In tones the skirt and blouse harmonize, but do not match.

In the evening the effect is the same, but the manner of producing it more formal. The skirt is generally of velvet, although frequently chiffon is found used for a contrast. The jumper is usually of lame and is, of course, sleeveless in its formal aspect. It may have features of a real jumper or it may appear in a bodice effect in the contrasting fabric.

Whereas the sports costume generally introduces a blouse that has but little in common with the skirt, in the formal mode there is usually some definite style that is reproduced in both bodice and skirt. For instance, a scarf that matches the skirt in fabric, a flower that appears at both skirt and blouse, an applique that is featured on both pieces or some form of trimming that connects them.

Mary Astor, whose youthful appeal is so well suited to the jumper type of costume, has selected a charming version of this mode for a new dinner dress. The frock also possesses another feature of interest in its combination of black and white. The lame bodice being contrasted with the skirt of black velvet. The hem of the skirt is a feature of interest and the bodice possesses a quaint appeal in its sleeveless and snug-fitting qualities. A point of decoration that is featured in both blouse and skirt is the morning glory spray that is seen at the waist as well as at one scallop of the hem of the skirt.

Miss Astor is appearing in the First National film, "The Sea Tiger."

Brilliance.

Fabric Possesses a Flattering Sheen in the Formal Model.

The golden mode of the wintertime has a brilliance that makes it one of the season's favourite adaptations in the formal costume. The fabrics that possess lustre and beauty and drape in soft subtle folds are particularly beautiful in their golden glory. Metallic materials, lustrous satins, chiffon velvets, lames and brocaded chiffons all are to be found shedding a gold radiance.

In addition to the glow of the fabric itself, Paris has seen to it that there is much in the way of ornamentation to add a brilliant effectiveness to the formal costume. Beads, embroidery, strass, bugles, paillettes, pearl and diamond outlines and the soft sheen of golden embroidery are all used in models of Paris inspiration.

Models in the metal brocades are being constantly featured. The later winter versions show a more gauzy texture than the brocades of last year. They have somewhat the quality of chiffon with the patterns traced in gold or silver.

Lames, which possess unusual features in the silhouettes of the newer modes—gay affairs in jumper outlines, are brilliant in appearance while still youthful in appeal. Some of the more ornate models in lames are in the plain materials embroidered in either beads or spangles which somehow manage to escape a tawdry appearance. The more unusual lames, however, feature ostrich and fringe trimming with just a wee bit of jewel embroidery.

Corinne Griffith, for a formal scene in her First National film "Three Hours," has chosen a very chic model in the new gauzy brocade, exotic designs of which are brightly outlined in jewels. The gold of the gown is finished in a narrow brown fur at the uneven hem.

GENERAL WOLFE'S MOTHER.

No one, writes a correspondent of a Home paper, questions the courage of "Bold General Wolfe," the hero of Quebec. But I was not aware of the full extent of his bravery till I read one of his letters to his mother, in which he states that he has tried all her suggested remedies, both those which had been found effective by others and those not yet tried.

Mrs. Wolfe was tall and dark. She had a brilliantly fair complexion, and her son once wrote to her: "You have through your whole time been a match for all the beauties, your contemporaries." But that was not all. She was a particularly fine housekeeper and enjoyed a local reputation for her home-brewed medicines and cures. Here is one of the most famous of her remedies, which is still preserved in her old recipe book—"Take a peck of Green Garden Snails, wash them in Bear [beer], put them in an oven and let them stay till they've done crying; then with a knife and fork prick the green from them, and beat the snail shells and all in a stone mortar. Then take a quart of green earthworms, slice them through the middle and strow them with salt, then wash them and beat them, the pot being first put into the still with two handfuls of angelico, a quart of rosemary flowers, then the snails and worms, the egrimony, bear's feet, red dock roots, barbery brake, bilbony, wormwood of each two handfuls; one handful of rue tumerick and one ounce of saffron well dried and beaten. Then power [pour] in three gallons of milk. Wait till morning, then put in three ounces of cloves (well beaten), hartshorn, grated. Keep the still covered all night. This done stir it not. Distil with a moderate fire." Two tablespoonfuls of this delightful mixture were to be taken as often as necessary.

Was General James telling the sober, honest truth when he wrote that he had tried all the remedies or was he paying a subtle compliment to his lady mother? We shall never know.

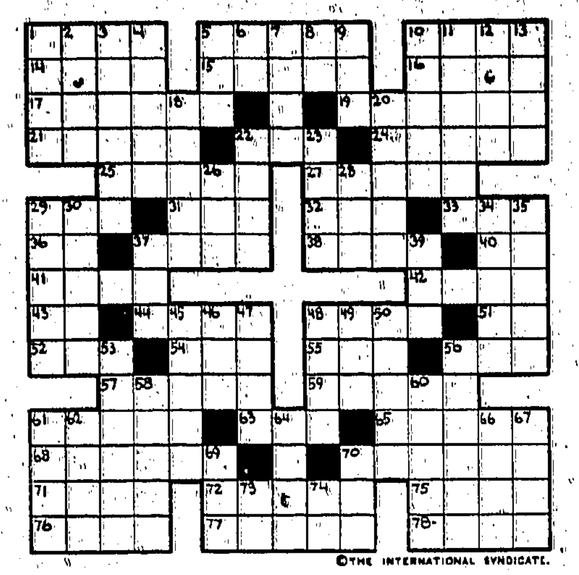
PEWTER ORNAMENTS.

The vogue of pewter is inevitable at a period such as the present, when domestic architecture is largely influenced by seventeenth century design (says a "Daily Telegraph" writer). Anyone fortunate enough to possess a room with old-oak panelling naturally buys the few pieces of pewter that will set off the oak to the best advantage. There are many modern houses, moreover, with long, oak-panelled dining-rooms reproducing a seventeenth century design, for which the owner, after the most careful consideration, decides that pewter is the only possible ornament. The first plate and tankard bought for the wall and mantelpiece nearly always turn the purchaser into a collector, for pewter has an extraordinary fascination for anyone who has once dabbled in the subject, possibly because it always has marks of usage on it, or because it does not have to be put away in a cabinet; possibly also for its silver-grey hue or for the conjectures it arouses in the imaginative mind.

Unfortunately, supplies are getting scarce, and a plate that was 5s. before the war is now £1. Some of the best pieces are going to America. It is thought that during the war a great deal of German pewter must have been melted down owing to the urgent need for its components—lead, tin, and antimony.

A certain amount of modern pewter is being produced by handicraft workers. Its silvery colour, its decorative nature, and the fact that it does not tarnish readily have created a demand for it, chiefly as a substitute for the cheaper grade of silverware. There is a proportion of copper in the modern alloy to make it workable. As in the old days, it is made chiefly into practical objects for daily use, such as cake and fruit dishes, hot-water cans, tea and coffee sets, kettles, and tobacco jars. Since its use for domestic purposes has been practically continuous, modern pewter has a claim to recognition by the collector, even though the modern alloy and modern designs have produced a totally different kind of ware.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.



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HORIZONTAL

1–Identical
5–Rips
10–Celestial body
14–The death of a person
15–Country of Asia
16–Allowance made for container
17–Insinuate
19–Make deeper
21–Willing
22–Answer (abbr.)
24–Arrayed
25–Condescend
27–One who piles
29–Prefix. Thrice
31–Seine
32–Small island
33–Cry
36–One (Scotch)
37–Kind of moulding (Arch.)
38–Abide
40–N. cen. State of U. S. (abbr.)
41–Vulgar fellows
42–Solitary
43–Chemical suffix
44–Heroic poem
48–A grain
51–Early English (abbr.)
53–Article

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

54–Point of compass (abbr.)
55–River (Spanish)
56–Append
57–Wealth
59–Solitary
61–Mimicers
63–Bend downward
65–Weeds
68–Attic
70–A tract of land
71–Hence
72–Teach
75–Up above
76–Fore-teller of events
77–Disabled
78–A holy season

VERTICAL

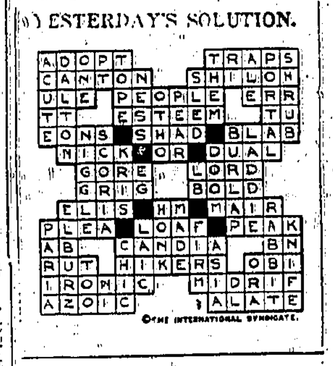
1–Fly
2–Competent
3–My lady (Italian)
4–Musical exercise
5–Lash
6–Prefix. In
7–Seaport of Arabia
8–N. E. State of U. S. (abbr.)
9–Gloomy
10–Kilolitre
11–Small candles
12–Greek god of war
13–Breach
18–Expiring

VERTICAL (Cont.)

20–Conducts, as a paper
22–Prefix. Before
23–Part of ship
26–Turn to the right (Driving)
28–Rest
29–Implied
30–Attain
34–Greased
35–Barked deeply, as dogs
37–Same as "cus"
39–Heavy weight
45–A vegetable (pl.)
46–Hotel
47–To tax
48–Steep, jutting rock
49–Lubricate
50–Part of plant (pl.)
53–Come into view
56–Charge with gas
58–Blunder
60–Native
61–Epochs
62–Peel
64–First man
66–Famous English school
67–A month (abbr.)
69–To take leave (abbr.)
70–Finish
73–Greek sun-god
74–That is (Lat.-abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The L.C.C. have received £2 conscience money.

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A triple tie occurred in the golf competition of the Guildford and District Alliance.

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The Spanish Government intends to open 18,000 new schools and to increase the emoluments of teachers.

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At Jersey Ecclesiastical Court Lady Houston was sworn executrix of the will of the late Sir R. P. Houston.

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Major A. Huntington's horse D.D.B. won the Mitre Steeplechase at Hurst Park, over three miles, by half a length.

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A women's hockey team, representing the South of England, gained an easy victory against the South African tourists.

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Prince Frauz zu Putbus, the last of his line, has died from influenza on Ruegen Island, Baltic Sea, at the age of 79.

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In the Rugby Union County Championship East Midlands gained an easy victory over Notts, Derby, and Lincolnshire.

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A service was held at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, W., in memory of Viscount and Viscountess Bearsted.

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The South Wales Miners' Industrial Union, formed by miners who broke away from the Miners' Federation, reports that it has now nearly 50 branches.

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Asked whether an engagement had been entered into at Geneva for the evacuation of the Rhineland, M. Briand stated that the question was not even raised.

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The Union of South Africa and Portugal have come to an agreement fixing the boundary of Angola and the former German territory of South-West Africa.

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During December 1,783 men were approved for service in the Territorial Army, the strength of which on January 1 was 6,504 officers and 139,762 other ranks.

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The giant British submarine XI left Portsmouth for Malta to join the Mediterranean fleet in the company of the first submarine flotilla transferred from the Atlantic fleet.

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A hue and cry was raised in Monmouth Place, Bath, for a man who, it is alleged, stole a bag containing £110 from Mrs. House, proprietress of a restaurant, and then disappeared.

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During a gale some steel girders used for the superstructure of a new garage at Windermere, Westmorland, collapsed, and a joiner, who was injured, is now in a serious condition.

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The theft of £300 worth of furs from the shop of Mme. Maiza, Bear Street, W.C., is believed to have been effected by the use of a crooked stick, after a hole had been made in the window.

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"Broadway," a play which was—according to one of its authors—peddled round America" for years before it found a producer, was moved from the Strand Theatre to the Adelphi Theatre, Strand, W.C.

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Counsel informed Lord Fleming, in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, that Viscountess Churchill did not intend to insist on the defences lodged by her in Viscount Churchill's action for divorce.

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While deciding by three to one that the anti-evolution law was constitutional, the Supreme Court of Tennessee rebuked the Legislature for making it practically unlawful to teach the science of biology.

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At Glasgow John T. W. Smith, managing director of a firm of moneylenders, was fined £20 for having in his possession pay warrants relating to an ex-army captain's pension as security for a debt of £105.

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Mr. George Ringstrom, who has been ringing a peal of bells at St. Katherine Cree Church, Leadenhall Street, E.C., for more than 50 years, rings all six bells himself—two each with his arms, elbows, and legs.

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Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, in furtherance of his campaign for a purer food supply for the people, opened in Motherwell, Lanarkshire, a shop for the sale of certified milk from Dalzell model dairy farm and vegetables from Dalzell gardens.

A new railway station is to be built at Twickenham.

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The King's Medal has been awarded to Sub-Officer Armstrong, who saved two men overcome by sewer gas at Charlton.

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"Vaudeville Vanities," which was to have finished its run has had an eleventh-hour reprieve, and the run is to be continued.

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The result of the election of the Home Counties' representatives on the National Liberal Federation Executive is: Sir Harry Verney, Bart., D.S.O., 176; Mr. J. Edward Myers, 95; Mrs. Corbett Ashby, 80.

Electricity for heating and cooking purposes is to be supplied to residents on the Latchmere estate by Battersea Council.

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The Lord Mayor of London received a congratulatory message by telephone from the Mayor of Erie, Pennsylvania, in connection with the extension of the Transatlantic telephone service.

Sir Herbert Stephen, Bart., Clerk of Assize for the Northern Circuit, was married at St. Michael's, Chester Square, London, to Miss Mary Hermione Cunningham. Sir Herbert is the eldest son of the late Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, first baronet.

UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD, N. Y.

With a new coat of glaring red, the little schoolhouse where Mary and her little lamb made the children laugh and play, was formally reopened by Henry Ford, and fifteen children were in attendance during the first session besides the little snow-white docile lamb, which is no longer considered persona non grata. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are shown in the doorway.

Two men were injured when a piece of masonry fell during the demolition of the old Camden Brewery, Hawley Crescent, Camden Town.

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Mrs. Annie Phillips of Averil Street, Fulham, was knocked down by a heavy motor-van in Chiswick High Road. Death was instantaneous.

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A tramway regulator read the lessons and a taxi driver sang solos at a London Traffic Workers' Brotherhood service at St. Mark's Church, Kennington.

England defeated Wales in the Rugby International, at Twickenham, by 11 points to 9.

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It is estimated that 2,000,000 Americans hold foreign bonds—a fact which, a New York financial correspondent writes, speaks well for the revised faith of the United States in Europe.

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With a strap round his neck and the top of a deck chair and wire round his knees and the bottom of the chair, Richard John Webb, a butcher, 38, of Lenham Road, Sutton, Surrey, strangled himself.

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From	Per
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9	
Amoy	Shirala.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln.
Shanghai	Shantung.
THURSDAY, MARCH 10	
Shanghai	Kanchow.
Shanghai Q Europe via Siberia	Kashgar.
FRIDAY, MARCH 11	
Japan & Shanghai	Kitano Maru.
SUNDAY, MARCH 13	
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London, 10th Feb.)	Hong Peng.
MONDAY, MARCH 14	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Taiyo Maru.
TUESDAY, MARCH 15	
Japan & Shanghai	Porthos.
FRIDAY, MARCH 18	
Japan & Shanghai	Mongolia.
Australia & Manila	Aki Maru.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, & Shanghai	Empress of Canada.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9		
Shanghai	Katori Maru	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. American & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C., 29th March & Europe via Siberia (letter and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Pres. Lincoln.	
Sam Shui & Wuchow	Tai Ming	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 10		
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 10 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.	Shirala.	
Java via Batavia	Tjisaroea	11.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 11		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tean	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ching	Noon
Shanghai	Nanning	2.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 12		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th April. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	Kitano Maru.	
Saigon	Nagpore	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Shantung	2.30 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 13		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru	8.30 a.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Kalgan	8.30 a.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 15		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	1 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 18th March. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Porthos.	
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PIG DEALER KILLED.

A motor accident resulting in one death occurred on the Castle Peak road yesterday afternoon. A pig dealer was the victim of the accident. He engaged a motor truck to convey 16 pigs from Chinwan to Samshuipo and rode on the front seat next to the driver. As the truck was going up the incline opposite Goldring House the engine suddenly stopped. The driver got out to investigate. No sooner had the driver reached the ground than the truck began to run away backwards down the incline. Suddenly swerving it plunged down the embankment. The pig dealer was thrown out heavily and striking his head against a telephone pole was killed instantaneously. The truck was badly smashed and most of the pigs killed outright. The driver absconded immediately after the accident. He did not make any report to the police and the tragedy was discovered by a passing car sometime later.

CHOPPER ATTACK.

"HE ENTICED MY WIFE AWAY."

HUSBAND IN COURT.

The eternal triangle figured in a case heard in Mr. Lindsell's Court this morning. A Chinese was charged with attacking another man with a chopper inflicting bad wounds on the head and legs. He made a straight forward plea of "guilty," saying "He enticed my wife away to Wanchai."

Inspector Peter Grant said the attack was made yesterday morning on the third floor of No. 20, First Street, West Point. The victim was badly but not seriously injured and his life is not in danger.

The Magistrate remanded the accused in police custody until Saturday morning and instructed the inspector to enquire into the allegation made by the accused.

A 16-YEAR OLD GIRL.

CHARGE AGAINST POKFULUM CHINESE.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. Lindsell with harbouring a 16-year old unmarried girl without the consent of her master and lawful guardian.

The accused who lives at Pokfulum said that he did not entice the girl to go and live with him. The girl came to his house of her own accord on March 5 and said she had run away from her master, and asked to be allowed to stay with him. He tried to explain to the girl how wrong a step she had taken and advised her to return home. She stubbornly refused to go back and said she was resolute to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour if he did not allow her to stay with him. In the circumstance he had no option but to allow her to stay.

The hearing was fixed for Monday morning next, bail being allowed in the sum of $250.

A JOY RIDE.

POLICE FIND MISSING MOTOR CAR.

Mr. E. J. Figueiredo's motor car which was yesterday reported stolen from the junction of Jordan and Nathan Roads, Kowloon, has been recovered. It was found by the police in perfect condition on a piece of vacant ground off Cox's Path and near the Kowloon Cricket ground. The indication is that the car had been "borrowed" for a joy ride.

Alleged to have attempted to commit suicide by swallowing opium, a Chinese woman was yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital in a critical condition.

Injured in the head through falling when attempting to alight from a moving 'bus at Laichikok, a Chinese was yesterday taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Half of the baggage room of the liner on which Pauline Frederick, the actress, arrived to play a ten weeks' season in London, under E. J. Carroll's management, was occupied by her trunks. She regards the possession of a thousand gowns as necessary to maintain her reputation of being one of the best-dressed women on the stage.

CHILE'S "REDS."

GOVERNMENT'S REMARKABLE EXPERIMENT.

LONELY ISLAND COLONY.

Santiago, March 8.

Several hundred Communists arrested during the past fortnight are sailing for Valparaiso this week on board a Government transport for the lonely island of Masafuera in the Juan Fernandez group.

A colony will be established there under the supervision of the Federal police.

The transport will carry necessary supplies, materials, seeds, plants, domestic animals, etc.

The exiles will be allowed to take their families.—Reuter's American Service.

TO VOTE AT 21.

WOMEN SEEKING EQUAL RIGHTS.

Rugby, March 8.

The Premier, accompanied by the Home Secretary, this afternoon received a deputation organised by the Equal Political Rights Campaign Committee to discuss the question of equal franchise.

The deputation was introduced by Lady Astor.

The Deputation asked for an immediate and simple government measure to secure that at the next general election women should be entitled to vote at the age of twenty-one and on the same terms as men.

The Premier, replying, said that the Government proposed to make a statement in the House of Commons before Easter.—British Wireless Service.

The Blue Funnel s.s. "Patroclus" took away a large number of local residents to-day, the majority going on Home leave. These included Mrs. R. E. Macdougall, Mr. R. E. Greensmith, Mrs. F. Ratsey, Mrs. L. Forster and family, Mrs. A. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith and family, Mrs. W. B. Marshall, Mrs. A. H. Hatherly and children, Mrs. R. F. C. Master and children. Also travelling on the boat were Lt.-Comdr. F. J. H. Lloyd, Captain and Mrs. F. H. Fegen, Captain C. B. Riggs.

DUKE OF YORK.

DEBATE ON GRANT FOR THE TRIP.

STRICTEST ECONOMY PROMISED.

London, Feb. 17.

In the House of Commons, in moving a Supplementary Estimate of £7,000 as a grant in aid of the Duke and Duchess of York's mission to Australia and New Zealand, Mr. R. McNeill hoped that the House would take the opportunity of expressing its best wishes to the expedition, which was a great occasion in the history of the British Empire.

Mr. C. G. Ammon, speaking for the Labour front bench, recognised the necessity for ensuring the visit being carried out in a proper way, but requested that there be no unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. McNeill gave this assurance and said that there would be nothing in the nature of prodigality or display. The visit would be carried out with the strictest economy but without mean parsimony.

But Mr. D. Kirkwood (Labour) incurred the Speaker's censure when he referred to the "Royal joy-riders." Mr. Kirkwood added that it did not matter one iota whether the Duke and Duchess of York ever returned.

Other Labour back-benchers opposed the Vote on the ground that it was inconsistent with the poverty at Home.

Dr. T. Watts (Conservative) asked if it was a joy-ride for devoted parents to leave a few months' old child to go abroad in the interests of their country? Other Conservative members scathingly and indignantly condemned the insulting display, which gave cause for amazement and disgust, and they dwelt upon the importance of the value of the tour.

Dr. D. Shiels (Labour) dissented from the speeches of his colleagues, whom he assured that the whole Labour movement of Australia was cordially anticipating the Royal visit.

The Estimate was passed without division, amid loud Ministerial cheers.

Interest in the debate lay in the belief that Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, had tried to dissuade the backbenchers from raising the issue, hence the Ministerialists repeatedly call for Mr. MacDonald. The latter sat motionless, and later walked out.

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